

Newbury Methodist Church



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October 2019 Newsletter



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Surprise blessings.

On a recent visit to the coast on one of those gloriously sunny days that mid-September brought Chris and I enjoyed an afternoon of surprise blessings. We arranged to meet up for a cup of tea and a shared piece of cake and then went our separate ways. I headed off to a nearby nature reserve and soon entered the first hide. I quickly realized something was unusual by the number of people present on an ordinary working Friday afternoon. With my many years of experience I can spot a particular type of bird watcher and this hide was full of them. They are almost exclusively male, with olive green jacketed plumage and adorned with optical equipment and cameras usually only seen on a paparazzi stakeout. The hide was full of their excited chatter of previous bird spotting triumphs and rarities seen. Now this is not the usual bird hide etiquette which is that of sepulchral reverence! When I had squeezed my way in I soon discovered what had drawn them there like wasps to the jam - a bird that had not been seen at the sight for over 20 years. It was not one of the rarities that bring thousands of twitchers but still uncommon, and a bird I had never seen. To see this bird which I did for about 1 minute having stared at the same patch of reed for about 40, was an unexpected blessing. I would have enjoyed the afternoon if I had only seen the common ducks and waders that are the staple fare of coastal reedbeds, but a bluethroat was a special treat.

When Chris and I met as arranged I discovered that she too had been blessed with an unexpected encounter having met a friend from church days in her youth who she knew now lived nearby but who happened to be passing. They spent a happy half an hour or so 'catching up'.

We both thanked God for these gifts which seemed suited to us individually and which made the day special. Now I don't imagine God is in the business of directing rare migrant birds or friends across our path at just the right moment solely for our pleasure but it is to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, that praise is due and we praised God together. Thanks be to God for his loving kindness. I pray you will enjoy God's surprising blessings too.

Peter

News from Kent!

Well, I am finally here! The move went well and everything I brought with me has fitted in well. I am so glad I did all the clearing before I left and I hope the various charities benefit from all I disposed of. The people at Oak Tree Court are all very friendly and I am getting to know them mostly at the weekly coffee morning. I have been to WI and a National Trust meeting and am doing the rounds of the various churches which is quite interesting. So far the Parish Church seems to be the centre of the community but all have been very welcoming. I have yet to try a Baptist church further down the road. The nicest thing is that I am near enough to walk to everything and I have only used the car to explore some gardens and the golf club! I believe the U3A play 9 holes there once a week which sounds promising.

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards welcoming to my new home - I was quite overwhelmed by so many. I miss everything at Newbury Methodist and having read the weekly notices I see all the things I would have attended. Enjoy your Harvest Supper! I hope to find the magazine on the website.

With love to you all, and thank you so much for your friendship

Angela

Church Council

The next meeting of the Church Council was arranged for Wednesday 23rd October. As there is a hall booking that evening and the car park will be busy, Peter has decided to move the meeting to **Thursday 24th October**, and I hope that everyone will be able to make the new date.



Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning at St Nicolas' Church Hall on Thursday 29th August, when the wonderful sum of £472 was raised. As I write, the town flag day is yet to come; I will report the amount raised in the next newsletter.

October is a quiet month, but I have notice of two November dates:

- Saturday 23rd November: 3pm, St Mary's, Shaw, a concert by the Cromwell Singers with all proceeds to Christian Aid.
- Saturday 30th November: 7 for 7.30pm, St George's Church Hall, a barn dance with band Mo'Cairde and jacket potato supper. Tickets must be purchased beforehand and will be available from 1st November.

Rosie Greenhalgh

Keep this Date

On **Saturday 12th October from 4pm-6pm** we will be having a time of worship, food and celebration for all our children and young

people attending clubs on a Friday night. We hope many of their parents will join us as we welcome them into club membership.

We would be delighted if friends from our church family can come along to support them and us in this very special ministry.

Please continue to pray for our Friday Clubs.

Thank you

Doris



WEDNESDAY BIBLE GROUP

Our group will meet every Wednesday during October at 7.30pm, either in the Stroud Green Room or the Church Foyer. We shall be studying St John's gospel using the study guide 'John's Gospel: exploring the seven miraculous signs'. If you want to deepen your knowledge of God by discussing the Bible with others, this is the group for you and a warm welcome awaits you.

Why not come along to one of the sessions and see what we do? Just bring yourself – Bibles are provided. Our Autumn meeting dates will be: September 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; November 13 & 20; December 4 & 11. All welcome.

Rosie Greenhalgh

Sunday Roast

On Sunday , October 27th at 12.30pm we will be going to the Royal British Legion for our next Sunday Roast Dinner together. This will be a second visit to The British Legion. The Managers are very friendly and keen to accommodate us. It is a lively and happy atmosphere.

On the day there will be two meats. You can have one or some of each and plenty of vegetables. This will cost £7.50 and if you want a homemade pudding, usually either a pie and custard or a crumble or ice cream for an extra £2.00 (£9.50 for dinner & pudding).



If you would like to come the list for registering your intention to come will be on the notice board in Wesley Hall from Sunday 13th October.

**Southampton District
Methodist Women in Britain**



invite you to



Celebration Day

Saturday 12th October 2019

Romsey Methodist Church

The Hundred, Romsey, SO51 8BZ

10.00am for 10.30am to 3.30pm

**including the commissioning of
the new District President:**

Irene Bourne

Speaker: Hilary Evans

**Connexional President of
Methodist Women in Britain**

**Cost £3 Tea and Coffee provided
Please bring your own packed lunch.**

BE COURAGEOUS...

Those who were present either at the recent Circuit Meeting or the recent District Synod, will be familiar with the phrase, "Be Courageous..." It is the theme for 2019/20 for both 3Generate (the Methodist Youth and Children's Conference) and for our District.

The young people at the 3Gen Conference last year challenged the church to think **and then act** on some big themes - some of which we are already responding to and some which we have yet to engage with... Here's a summary:

The children and young people... have spoken out. Trusting that God is with us, we want to be a part of a Church that knows, shows and shares God's Love. Therefore, together we want to:

- Take action on homelessness in local areas
- Look after the environment by:
 - Recycling
 - Using less plastic
 - Picking up litter
- Seek those who are lonely & struggling and do something to help them
- Create safe spaces inside and outside the Church, where people don't judge, but listen and offer support
- Be creative and varied in how we worship God
- Get to know and learn about people in our local communities so that we:
 - Build relationships
 - Break down barriers
 - Stop prejudice

BE COURAGEOUS... continued

And then today, I watched as Greta Thunberg delivered her speech to the UN Climate Action Summit and the passion that she shared, both in what she said and how she said it... The UN Secretary-General said that leaders should not come to the summit with beautiful words, but with concrete plans to, *inter alia*, reach carbon neutrality by 2050. If change is to happen, then action is called for now, otherwise it will be too late.

In the same way, within the kingdom of God of which we are a part and which we represent to the world, if we want to reverse the decline of the recent decades, dare to suggest to the world that the Christian church, along with other world faiths, has an important and directing role to play in all aspects of human life and that we are serious about changing things so that all may experience the gift of life "in all its fullness" as Jesus tells us he came to give and promote, then we need to act in this respect also.

So, how will you be courageous in the coming year? How will you engage with the good news of the gospel and respond to the many challenges facing the human race?

Watch this space for some ideas!!

Peace,
Rachel.

Revd Rachel Borgars
Superintendent Minister – Kennet & Test Valley Methodist Circuit



Come and sing with Songs of Praise!

*The longest running religious TV show in the world
invites you to a special event in Reading.*

You are warmly invited to a special Songs of Praise music recording of hymns and songs at **Reading Town Hall, Sunday 20th October** featuring a special performance from Rick Astley.

All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing.

Recording:

Sunday 20th October, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Where:

**Reading Town Hall
Blagrove Street
Reading
RG1 1QH**

* To apply for free tickets, please send your **name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested** to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv.

Please include '**Songs of Praise Reading**' in your subject header.

Alternatively, you can call us on **0161 873 7073** to book your tickets.

We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you know you are able to come.

Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Songs of Praise Team

***When I checked there still appears to be some tickets available.**



Featuring
Rick Astley



Conductor
Ken Burton

Come and sing with us at

Reading Town Hall

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS RICK ASTLEY
AND CROYDON SDA GOSPEL CHOIR
CONDUCTED BY KEN BURTON

Sunday 20th October
4:00pm - 7:00pm

GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET:
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NINE
LIVES



Will you help a family like Fikerte's to grow potatoes to beat hunger?

When you read about climate change, or see it in the news, what do you think?

What strikes me is that the current debate seems focused on the future - but the reality we experience at All We Can is that the world's poorest communities are facing a climate crisis today. Climate change preys on those who are already most vulnerable in our world - women like Fikerte.

Fikerte lives in rural Ethiopia with her five children, and every day her life becomes more difficult, because of the ongoing climate crisis. Changing rainy seasons mean that she can no longer grow enough food to feed her children.

With your support there is hope for Fikerte and her children. Your gift today can help a farmer like Fikerte to grow potatoes, a hardy crop which is adapted to the soils of her village, which will ensure her children always have food to eat.

This harvest, All We Can is calling upon you and I to help families like Fikerte's to overcome the cruelty of climate change, so that they can live life in all its fullness. Will you join us? **ALL WE CAN**





Despite the challenges Fikerte faces, she still holds on to the hope of a better life for her children, “my hope is to raise my children so they are able to support themselves”.

Your gift today could help provide a woman like Fikerte with vegetable and potato seeds, along with training in improved farming methods so she can feed her children despite a changing climate.

With your support, families like Fikerte’s can have their hopes realised, and see improvement not only in the lives of their children, but for future generations as well.

To find out more about how climate change is impacting the lives of families like Fikerte’s and how potatoes can help them beat hunger, go to <https://www.allwecan.org.uk>

This is our Harvest Appeal for this year. Gift Aid envelopes were distributed with September Newsletters. If you receive an electronic version of your newsletter and would like a Gift Aid envelope for **ALL WE CAN** please email me on newsletter@newburymethodistchurch.org.uk. Spare Gift Aid envelopes will also be available at church.

We will be collecting the Harvest Gift Aid envelopes with your donation **until Sunday 13th October.**

David

This year's Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal lists of suggested items are shown below. For those of you who would like to donate towards the Shoeboxes, there is a box for you to leave your donations in the church foyer.



CONTENTS LIST

1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of **new and unused** gifts so **every** shoebox should contain all 6 items in this blue box.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves/Scarf or Hat (new or knitted) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets/Chocolates (BB June 2020 EU Origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles & Holders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards) |

2. Then please **ADD at least 5 more items** (at least one of each item) from the **Red Box** for a **Family Shoebox** **OR** from the **Purple Box** to make a **Unisex Elderly Shoebox**.

FAMILY

- Colouring Pads (A5)
- Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
- Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
- Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- Head Scarf (lightweight)
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Solar-Powered Calculator
- Safety Razors
- Other Gifts

OR

ELDERLY (UNISEX)

- Reading Glasses/Magnifier
- Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- Sensory Item (ie Lavender Bag)
- Hot Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Pen/Paper
- Socks/Tights (NEW)
- Wind-Up Radio/Torch
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Scissors/Nail Clippers
- Safety Razors
- Other Gifts

PLEASE TRY TO REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX



SHOEBOX INSTRUCTIONS if you wish to pack a box yourself

1. Get an average-sized, strong, adult shoebox (around 18 x 10 x 30cm- NOT BOOT BOXES OR OVERSIZED SHOEBOXES).*
2. Gather the 6 items listed in the Blue Box plus 5 or more items from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox or 5 or more of the items from the Purple Box for a Unisex Elderly Shoebox. This means that there should be at least 11 different items in every shoebox.
3. Make sure you tick the items on the Contents List opposite, as well as whether it is a Family or Unisex Elderly shoebox.

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PUT IN ANY FOOD, MEDICINES, BOOKS,

TEA/COFFEE OR OUT OF DATE ITEMS, AS WE HAVE TO FOLLOW STRICT CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

4. Tape the lid to the box to keep it secure and then wrap the box in colourful paper (not glittery paper as it is not easily recycled).
5. Tape your completed Contents List to the shoebox

OR

if you prefer to donate any amount towards the Shoebox Appeal so we can buy items in bulk on your behalf please contact either Doris or David

- We will be purchasing some blank shoeboxes if you do not have the correct size available

**Shoebox packing - Saturday October 26th
from 9.30am**

J.O.Y

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm.

Tessa Bennett has very kindly agreed to come and talk on Eco Church and our responsibility to do all we can to make our Church as Eco Friendly as we possibly can.

Anyone interested in this very important issue is most welcome to join us even if you do not normally come to J.O.Y.

Hope to see as many as possible on the 22nd.

Doris

Eco Church/ Environment - in this edition there is a lot of reference to concerns about the environment and our response as a Church to reaching a carbon neutral World by 2050, if not earlier. Rachel makes comment to it on Page 8/9 and I have included on page 17 this year's Methodist Conference reference/request on the subject (originally in September's Newsletter)
On Pages 18 & 19 there is more information about ECO Church with examples of the Award System.



Conference 2019

Methodist Church recognises a climate emergency

Faced with a climate emergency the Methodist Conference has called on the UK to achieve net zero emissions well before 2050.

This follows recent initiatives including participation in the #TheTimesNow Climate Coalition lobby of MPs in London last month as well as engagement with investor bodies on reducing humanity's global carbon footprint.

Single use plastics were singled out at the week-long Conference, being held at the NEC in Birmingham, with single use water bottles or cups unavailable for use by representatives.

The Conference encouraged its members and churches to reduce plastic pollution and for church cafés to consider signing up to a refill scheme, offering free refills for water bottles.

Earlier this year the Methodist Church launched Eco Circuits and Eco Districts in partnership with A Rocha, a Christian organisation engaging communities in nature conservation. The first Methodist Church to receive a Gold Eco Church Award was announced in June as Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Conference, who walked 133 miles along canal towpaths to the Conference raising funds for communities across the world affected by climate change, said:

“As a Church we believe in the possibility of transformation. Our church has heard the voice of communities around the world that are already suffering severe consequences of climate change.

“Our response must be both individual and corporate to do all we can to tread more lightly on the earth.”

Steve Hucklesby, Policy Adviser for the Methodist Church said:

“Next year the critical COP26 international climate summit may well be hosted in London. Our nation has the opportunity to provide inspiration for others. The UK must back up targets with clear policies and urgent investment to bring about a zero carbon future.”



Churches complete the unique online Eco Survey about how they are caring for God's earth in different areas of their life and work. The answers a church provides will collect points towards an Eco Church Award – the more your church does, the more points you get!

If your score doesn't gain you an Eco Church Award straight away don't worry – the idea is to complete further actions in order to gain the points necessary for an Award. For example, you can switch to a green energy company or start using Fairtrade tea and coffee supplies to gain Eco Church Award points.

The survey takes you through five key areas of church life:

Worship and teaching

Management of church buildings

Management of church land

Community and global engagement

Lifestyle

It takes into account whether or not your church has buildings or land, and you can save your survey responses at any point and return to update them as your church completes additional actions.

Our free, Eco Church resources will give lots of support and advice about how to make the changes your church needs to become an Eco Church. There are three levels of Eco Church Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. In order to qualify for an Award you must attain the required standard in each of the areas covered by the Eco Survey that apply to your church (some churches do not have buildings or land). You can see when you have gained sufficient points in each Eco Survey category by looking at the points gauges that appear on screen with the Eco Survey questions. The gauges will change colour as your points accumulate to reflect the level of Award you have achieved.

If all the relevant gauges turn bronze, you have achieved a Bronze Award; if they all turn silver you have achieved a Silver Award, and so on. However, if just some of your gauges turn silver while the others turn bronze, for example, you have achieved a Bronze Award (rather than a Silver Award) because that is the level you have achieved in all the relevant areas.

Eco Church Award Points

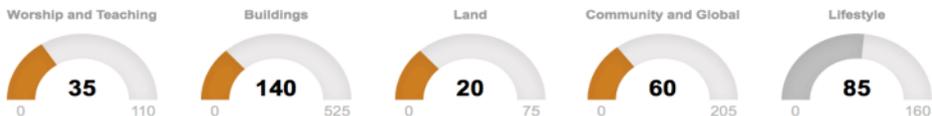
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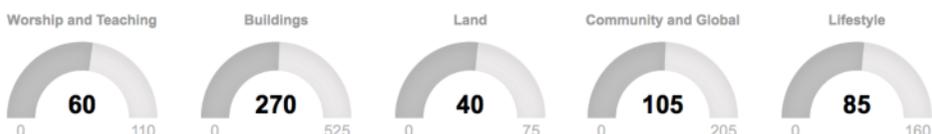
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Once all the gauges on your Eco Survey indicate that you have enough points for an Award, you can apply for your Award by downloading and completing the Award Application Form. For Bronze and Silver Awards we will require confirmation from your church leader that they have seen and approved the Eco Survey responses provided on behalf of your church. Additionally, for Gold Awards we will arrange for an Eco Church Assessor to visit your church to see and hear for themselves of all that you've been doing to care for God's earth across the areas covered by the Eco Survey.

Eco Church Award Points

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September update on current needs at
West Berks Foodbank

Urgently needed

Sponge Puddings (long life not
chilled)

Jam

Tinned Custard

Washing up Liquid

Low Stock

Tinned Meat

Soup

Long Life Fruit Juice

Well Stocked

Please No Pasta or Beans

Book Review: ‘The Masterpiece’ by Francine Rivers

I sometimes enjoy reading Christian novels and one of the best I've read in the past year is 'The Masterpiece' by best-selling American author Francine Rivers. It is basically the story of the relationship between Roman Velasco, a Los Angeles graffiti artist, and Grace Moore, his new personal assistant, and contains redemptive and healing themes on all sorts of levels. Roman and Grace are two very different personalities, each carrying secrets from their past, and they gradually get to know each other. However, one day something unexpected suddenly happens which is to change both of their lives for ever.



The novel is based on a Bible verse from the New Testament, Ephesians 2 verse 10:

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago”(New Living Translation). The story is a reminder that wholeness can be found in Jesus and that each one of us can be shaped into ‘an imperfect yet stunning masterpiece’ by God, whatever our background and circumstances.

As I finished the book, I suddenly had a strong sense of the Holy Spirit’s presence and realised that this is probably a book that God will use to touch the hearts and lives of many people. I feel that many readers will be challenged or encouraged in their spiritual lives, as I have been.

‘The Masterpiece’ is available from Shoemakers or online from Eden Books, and although it has nearly 500 pages, is a book with fairly short chapters and clear print that many people would read fairly easily. It is a large paperback, and is easy to balance on your lap or on a lap tray. You are welcome to borrow my copy.

You can discover more about Francine and her books by looking at her web site: www.francinerivers.com.

Chris



WORSHIP

Time and Again Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Oxford

More than 70 members and friends of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church worked together to put on 'Time and Again', an exciting and inclusive musical celebrating God's calling and love.

It was the church's version of 'Songs from the Shows', but in this case the songs came from the six musicals which had been written and performed by members of the church community over the last three decades. Two large and transfixed audiences were treated to a lively and colourful show which included performers as young as five years old, friends from Phab Club and a team of BSL interpreters.

The selected songs and scenes wove together the experiences of characters as far apart in time and space as Moses and John Wesley (via Ruth and St Francis). These stories illustrated how God made his love known in a whole variety of unexpected ways, through a whole variety of surprising people.

One audience member said, "It was so well put together, such a clear message throughout of God being the answer to our every need and purpose! What a wonderful gospel message to those who are unchurched or not believers who came. Praise God!"

LEARNING AND CARING

Love Hearts in Trinity Ebenezer Methodist Church, Trinity, Jersey

Ebenezer Methodist Church in Trinity is uniting the eldest and youngest members of their congregation in a new club called 'Generations'.

The idea was inspired by the Channel 4 television programme 'Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds' which examined the social and health benefits of the elderly making friends with the young. Researchers claim that there are benefits for both groups, particularly those who suffer from dementia.



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Community lay worker, Amy Britton, who started the group to connect and share love with the local community said the young are already making positive friendships with some of the older generation:

"There's a young man called Ethan who's six and he is incredible. He doesn't have elderly relatives in his life and his Mum said to me at the start 'I don't know if he'll enjoy it. I don't know he'll behave.' And he holds the most incredible conversations with people who maybe adults would find quite austere or intimidating. And he makes one particular lady smile like you just can't image."

The activities provided are with the children in mind, however the older attendees are excited to get involved and are often flooded with feelings of nostalgia or eager to try something new.

"I learnt early on that what five-year-olds enjoy, elderly people enjoy more" said Britton, with the most popular item being Play-doh.

Everyone in the group is encouraged to get creative with building blocks, paints and craft materials. Ellie (5) said: "We do lots of activities and we make things. We have wooden stuff and we draw the things. I drew a happy person and love hearts".

Ellie has described some of the older members as 'her friends' and it's not just the old and young who are benefiting, but the Mums who are passionate about the importance of the group.

Community lay worker, Amy Britton, said "I've seen mums brought to tears when they realise how much their children are giving, and getting back, from this relationship with the elderly people."

EVANGELISM

Encounters.

Victoria Methodist Church, Bristol

Victoria Methodist Church recently held an exhibition by artist Mark Cazalet depicting Christ's last walk. 'Encounters: Walking the Fractured City', placed Christ's last walk around London.



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On the 15 small canvases, Cazalet represented the incidents said to have taken place on Christ's final journey, setting each episode in 'corners' or 'untidy places' that are well known to him. A trail that begins under the Westway, takes in a footbridge over the Grand Union Canal, the Penguin Pool at London Zoo and Kensal Green Cemetery. He seeks to show, in his words, how 'injustice, betrayal, judgement, suffering, redemption and love become visible in our midst, in our time'.

On describing his work, Cazalet says:

"My work has always been centred in colour; colour as a spatial, emotional and formal understanding. Whatever the representational or abstract motif might be the subject matter has always been a profound joy in mixing and organising colour relationships. I am, it seems, unable to simply begin making without inspiration from a place or event, normally explored through drawing."

Cazalet is a prolific painter and print-maker, mosaic and stained glass artist who has undertaken many diverse commissions, especially in ecclesiastical settings. He is represented by the Beardsmore Gallery in north London and frequently exhibits in major national and international shows.

SERVICE

Second Helpings

Barn Hill Methodist Church, Stamford, Lincolnshire

The café at Second Helpings is an initiative which collects unwanted food from the local community and uses this to create meals for those who need it. Not only does the enterprise prevent food waste, but it's also environmentally conscious.

The café is part of the Real Junk Food Project which was set up to prevent surplus food going to waste. The café provides a friendly atmosphere for people to eat, meet and contribute to reducing their carbon footprint. The estimated food saved over three years has been the equivalent weight of two London buses and has saved the equivalent of eight hours' worth of electricity used by an average household in Stamford.



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Volunteers run the café and are responsible for concocting the unwanted food into delicious and nutritious meals which are open to all. The food is available on a pay-as-you-feel basis, therefore diners are encouraged to donate what they feel the food was worth which may be in either money or time.

The menu reflects the diversity of Stamford's population, with vegetarian options available. Every week, there's a three-course lunch and naturally, the menu is always different, depending on what they get from local suppliers. Options have included: Moroccan chicken; cottage pie and pheasant casserole.

Volunteers are always welcome at Second Helpings, and if you're not much of a chef, activities include, clearing tables, collecting food, stocking the fridge and washing up.

To help, head to Barn Hill Methodist Church hall any Saturday lunchtime.

Healing On The Streets

Please meet at 10:45am in Pret's (middle of Northbrook St) for team prayers. We will then minister in Northbrook Street from 11am to 1pm.

Training provided on the day so all abilities, from all churches are welcome.

November 2019 Newsletter

Any information or articles for inclusion in this edition should be with me

No later than Sunday 20th October 2019

Email information should be sent to

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Senior Steward

Email : steward@newburymethodistchurch.org.uk

Other Email addresses can be found on our website.

Electronic Version of the Newsletter

Newsletter is now available and distributed in electronic format **in colour**. As we currently do not print the entire magazine in colour this is a great way to enjoy the it. If you have not already told me but would like it electronically instead of in paper hard copy format please let me know and I will add you to E-Mail distribution list

On our Website

You can now read the current and previous newsletters on our website at:

www.newburymethodistchurch.org.uk/newsletter



Change is a foot

Over the next few weeks and months there will be a number of changes taking place.

Sail Banners and Notice Board

The Welcome Sail Banner on page 2 and The Open Door Sail Banner shown on the left will start to be used.

At the same time the Notice Board at the front of the church will receive a general refurbishment.

We hope these will enhance the front of our church.



Visual Display Screens

As many of you will know we now have permission from the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee to install 65" screens at the front of the church. The bespoke framework on which these screens are mounted is currently in hand and we hope these will be installed before Christmas.

Services for October



Wednesday 2nd October

12.15pm Midweek Communion
followed by a Light Lunch

Sunday 6th October

10.30am Morning Worship Local Arrangement
Worship Leaders

Sunday 13th October

10.30am Morning Worship Mrs Muriel Wood

Sunday 20th October

10.30am Morning Worship Rev Roger Ducker
includes Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

10.30am Morning Worship Rev Elaine Rawlings

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