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Life lessons from a jigsaw puzzle.

On occasions throughout life I have enjoyed putting together a jigsaw puzzle. I still remember the delight of tipping the pieces out of the packet and laying them out ready to start. It is a relaxing and rewarding occupation requiring just enough concentration to engage your mind without overwhelming it. However I have to say I can't remember the last time I actually sat down to tackle a jigsaw puzzle from start to finish. Now I only contribute to other people's jigsaws. If I see a jigsaw on the go I find it hard to resist. Most people are glad of a little help. I come across jigsaw puzzles in public spaces like railway station waiting rooms and the common areas of residential care homes and they are like a magnet to me.

Watching and helping a small child trying to put together a jigsaw of just a few large pieces can also be fascinating and great fun. You can almost see them puzzling it out before your eyes, once they are past the stage of wanting to chew the pieces that is. A little later in life we know that jigsaw puzzles can be good mental exercise to keep our brains fit and active.

Here are some life lessons to be learned from a jigsaw puzzle I came across. I am sure you can think of others.

1. Don't force a fit---if something is meant to be, it will come together naturally.
2. When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return.
3. Be sure to look at the big picture. Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.
4. Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece.
5. When one spot stops working, move to another. But be sure to come back later (see 4 above).
6. The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook. Refer to the Creator's guidebook often.
7. Variety is the spice of life. It's the different colours and patterns that make the puzzle interesting.
8. Working together with friends and family makes any task fun.
9. Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order.
10. Don't be afraid to try different combinations. Some matches are surprising.
11. Take time often to celebrate your successes (even little ones).
12. Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can't be rushed.
13. When you finally reach the last piece, don't be sad. Rejoice in the masterpiece you've made and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

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Peter

Lent Course

There will be an opportunity to explore and learn together over 5 evenings in Lent this year. The course will be entitled 'On the third day' and will help us to explore the resurrection, the heart of the Christian faith.

The 5 sessions will be held at Newbury Methodist Church as follows:

Wednesday 4 th March	Have I got news for you! – Evidence for the resurrection.
Wednesday 18 th March	So what? – The implications of the resurrection for our beliefs.
Wednesday 25 th March	'Let Him Easter in us' – Personal discipleship in the light of the resurrection.
Wednesday 1 st April	Celebrating and praying Easter – Prayer and worship as a result of the resurrection.
Wednesday 8 th April	A risen Church – How might the resurrection affect our life together?

Please note there is no meeting on the 11th March.

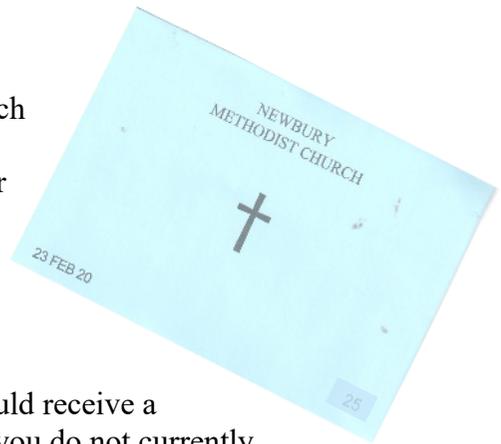
Each session will begin at 7.30pm and finish by 9pm and will consist of a mixture of Bible exploration, audio contributions from some leading Bible thinkers and conversation as we learn from one another. Whether you are a regular member of a prayer or Bible study group or not why not book the date and commit to come. Rosie Greenhalgh and I will be sharing the leadership of the sessions.

There is no need to book but if you are planning on coming it would be helpful if you could let me know please so I know how much space we need. Please also let me know if you need transport.

Peter

Church Giving

This month, I will be distributing the gift envelopes for the new financial year (which starts on April 6th). The use of these envelopes is helpful to the church whether the person concerned is a taxpayer or not, and I would encourage everyone to use them if possible, even if their attendance at services is irregular.



Those who already use the envelopes should receive a supply for the new year automatically. If you do not currently use them but would like to do so, **now is the ideal time to say so**. To obtain your own supply, please contact me in person at church, by phone (01635 38990) or by e-mail at petergeorge@ntlworld.com or speak to one of the Stewards who will pass your name on to me..

If you would prefer to make regular donations by bank standing order, that can be arranged too. Please just ask me for the necessary form to instruct your own bank.

Please speak to me if anything is unclear or if you have any queries about this subject. Your contributions are vital to the ongoing life of the church!

Peter George

God in Love Unites Us:

There will be two afternoons for conversation and reflection on the Marriage & Relationships Report on Sunday 1st March at Bridge Street, Andover Methodist Church and Sunday 8th March at Thatcham Methodist Church, each from 3-5pm. Letters are available from Rev Rachel Borgars our superintendent minister regarding the format of the meetings; also forms for you to write down your thoughts.

See Rachel's letter in the February newsletter page 8/9 for what we shall be discussing. **Your views are important**. If you will need transport to one or both of these meetings, please speak to one of the church stewards. Please try to attend one of these afternoon meetings.

Church Anniversary Weekend 7th & 8th March

Gift Day - as in the past on Anniversary Weekends, will be holding our Gift Day on Saturday 7th March when we will be raising money to Refurbish and Update Wesley Hall.

We have identified a number of areas of Wesley Hall which need major refurbishment and renewal. (Some are urgent)

These are

1. A complete Refit of the kitchen
2. Wesley Hall Floor being renewed
3. Renewal of Wesley Hall Electrical Service Equipment
4. Full Refurbishment of the Fire Alarm System

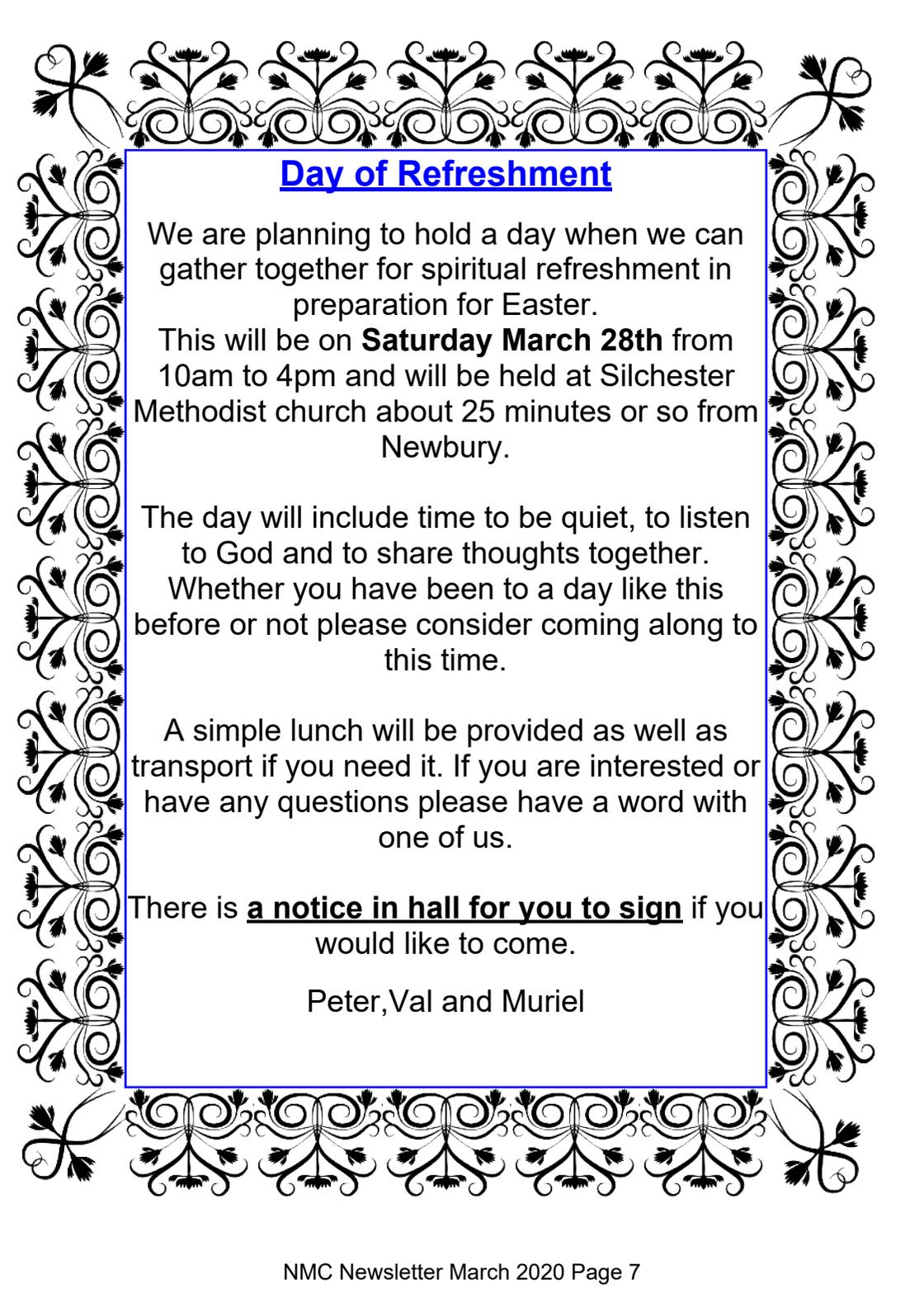
Please use the Wesley Hall Project Gift Envelopes

Church Anniversary Lunch on Sunday 8th March

Our Anniversary Service will this year be led by Sandra Wylie, who some of you will know from when Sandra was a member at our church and Local Preacher in our Circuit.

After our service we will be holding a Lunch with a menu of Chicken and Tarragon, potatoes & green beans, followed by a selection from the sweet trolley. The cost will be £7.00 with any profit going towards our Gift Day Appeal.

Please add your name to the list on display in Wesley Hall asap or email Doris on doris@newburymethodistchurch.org.uk

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Day of Refreshment

We are planning to hold a day when we can gather together for spiritual refreshment in preparation for Easter.

This will be on **Saturday March 28th** from 10am to 4pm and will be held at Silchester Methodist church about 25 minutes or so from Newbury.

The day will include time to be quiet, to listen to God and to share thoughts together.

Whether you have been to a day like this before or not please consider coming along to this time.

A simple lunch will be provided as well as transport if you need it. If you are interested or have any questions please have a word with one of us.

There is **a notice in hall for you to sign** if you would like to come.

Peter, Val and Muriel



**From London to America... join
The Cromwell Singers in a
musical journey around the world**

West Side Story

**Phantom of
the Opera**

Fiddler on the Roof

My Fair Lady

Les Misérables

Sunday 29th March 2020 3pm

Newbury Methodist Church

**Retiring collection for the
Church Kitchen Modernisation Fund**

Refreshments available

Next Sunday Roast

March 29th (Change of date)



All are very welcome to join us at 12.30pm for good food and fellowship at The British Legion.

Doris

J.O.Y dates for 2020

21st April - Activity Evening

23rd June - Summer Meal

18th August - BBQ

20th October - Speaker Evening

15th December Christmas Meal

Any requests or suggestions please let me know.

All ladies and friends welcome.

Book the dates now in your diary.

Sunday May 24th JOY are leading Morning worship. I would be pleased to hear any thoughts, requests and suggestions for our service.

Doris



Youth Club
Newbury Methodist Church

Saturday March 21st

5.30 - 7pm

Celebration of Mums

We will be getting together to celebrate Mums and to show the thanks of our children for all they do for them.

We will be having some games, a short time of worship and refreshments of soup and rolls, fruit and cakes along with drinks

Please join us to support all our children.

We forward to being joined for the afternoon by Mark Tizzard (Tizz) who is the Southampton District Intergenerational Mission Enabler

Men's fellowship outing BURGHCLERE MINIATURE RAILWAY



ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

Dear Friends.

I am hoping to run a little trip over to the Burghclere miniature railway.

This was previously at a Garden Centre near Didcot and the owner has upped sticks and moved nearer to Newbury.

The facility is in the grounds of the Burghclere sports club and the station building is the former cricket pavilion.

The next three available Sundays are:

SUNDAY 10TH MAY, SUNDAY 14TH. JUNE, SUNDAY 12TH JULY.

At the moment though 10th May seems quite popular so I think I am likely to go with that.

The outing would be after church so we need to aim to be up there 13.30-14.00

If you are interested in going, would you mind awfully getting in touch so that I have some idea of numbers.

RSVP Myles-01635-846764 or email: m.munsey1@ntlworld.com

March 2020 - Lent

It's official! The season of Lent began/begins on February 26th (on Ash Wednesday), a season when the Christian Church invites participation in forty days of preparation before Holy Week and Easter. The commercial world (in some quarters) would prefer us to concentrate our time and effort on the conspicuous consumption of Easter chocolate - which has little obvious religious symbolism, but helpfully provides illustrations of new life and new beginnings in creation.

So, what is the point of Lent? Traditionally, I think it has been understood as a time of abstinence - cutting down on or excluding rich food from one's diet; giving pleasurable things up to concentrate more fully on the spiritual life or taking on a discipline of prayer or reading to deepen one's relationship with God. The period is said to mirror the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted to be and do that which would give him power and status in earthly terms, but which were not in keeping with the kingdom of God that he came to establish. Apart from hearing the Bible readings that the Church, over many years, decided were the correct ones to be read in this 'run-up' to Easter and perhaps attending events or services organised by your local Churches Together group, what does Lent look like for you? Does it still have any resonance with our twenty-first century lives?

One only has to look on the shelves of the local library or bookshop to see the vast array of literature in the self-help genre. Much of the writing and reflection around such subjects is about taking time out; thinking through one's priorities; deciding what will 'spark joy' and so on. The aim of the therapist discussing 'self-compassion' with a client is about rebuilding that which is damaged or better understanding a life that has had too much stress placed upon it. Much of the psychological work of caring and restoring has parallels in the Way of Life set out in the gospels: of listening; being alongside; changing unhealthy practice and the encouragement to love ourselves before we can learn to love others.

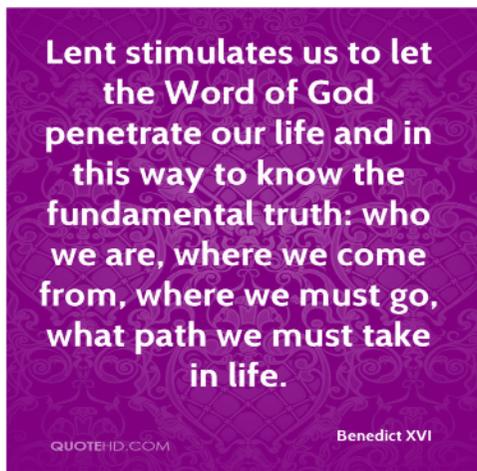
Perhaps, just perhaps, we need to concentrate less on what we might (half-heartedly?) give up for the period of Lent and far more on what our motivations are that lead to inappropriate actions, words or thoughts. Perhaps, just perhaps, we need to give up our prejudices – social, religious, political and take some time to be outside our comfort zones (in the wilderness?) in order to understand more fully the rhythm of receiving from God, of being transformed by God, of letting go so that God, through the Holy Spirit, can offer us new insights and encouragement for changing days.

A period of reflection and reprioritising is good for each and every human being whether we regard ourselves as being religious or not... May your collective spirits be fed in the coming time of preparation and may your bodies be appropriately fed by the chocolate gifts of the coming Easter season.

Peace,

Rachel.

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





Christian Aid Quiz & Supper 2020

This year it will not be on the Saturday before the start of Christian Aid Week but will instead will be on Saturday May 23rd starting at 7pm.

Entry will be £7.00 per person which include 2 course supper

Last year teams from Andover and Kingsclere came hunting to win the price. Can they be more successful this year or will a Newbury Team again ?

Book the date in your diary now

Fundraising for Newbury Street Pastors

Ceilidh

(Scottish Folk Music/Dancing)

Friday 15th May 7.30pm

at St George's Church Hall
includes Ploughman's Supper.



Book the date, enjoy the music even if you don't want to dance & have a good Supper

Information & Tickets available from
Doris



Concert for Christian Aid

Downe House School are giving an evening concert in St John's Church at 7pm on Sunday 8th March. In previous years the music has been of a high standard; it is good to see what young people can achieve. Free entry with a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

Rosie Greenhalgh

A People Place

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
Where do I go to cry?

If this is not a place where my spirits can take wing,
Where do I go to fly?

If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,
Where do I go to seek?

If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard,
Where do I go to speak?

If this is not a place where you'll accept me as I am,
Where can I go to be?

If this is not a place where I can try to learn and grow,
Where can I be just me?

William J Crockett



WORSHIP

Golden Jubilee

Christchurch Methodist & United Reformed Church, Hitchin



Christchurch Methodist & United Reformed Church in Hitchin, has been celebrating its Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of the founding of one of the earliest local ecumenical partnerships.

Among services and events, they have marked the beginning of their next fifty years by planting a young silver birch. The tree will grow to replace one that was

rescued as a sapling from the roof of the old Brand Street Methodist Church, before the building was demolished and replanted at the new church when it was established in 1969.

EVANGELISM

Godly Play Bus

Lancashire District



Lancashire District has launched the Godly Play Bus, the first mobile Godly Play classroom in the UK.

Godly Play is a form of teaching the Bible that encourages children to explore the stories and language of faith in a tactile way where God is encountered through experimentation and play.



Methodist Buzz

The bus is a double decker and adapted so that shelves are the only furniture on the top deck, filled with books and materials to tell the stories.

The project came about when two deacons and a presbyter, who had been trained as storytellers for Godly Play, had a vision of a classroom that was mobile. With the help of district and connexional grants, a bus was offered, revamped and remodelled. The bust will be used for Godly Play at primary schools across Lancashire.

LEARNING AND CARING

Generations

Ebenezer Methodist Church, Jersey

Ebenezer Methodist Church in Jersey is bringing together the eldest and youngest members of its 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.

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

Community lay worker, Amy Britton started the group to connect with the local community. She said the young are already making positive friendships with some of the older generation: "There's a young man called Ethan who is six and doesn't have elderly relatives. His mum was unsure if he would enjoy it but now he holds the most incredible conversations with people. 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."



SERVICE

Mission Possible

Oakworth Methodist Church, Keighley

Mission Possible is an exciting project to increase the space to Oakworth Methodist Church, near Keighley and to improve community and drama facilities in support of mission, particularly with young people. The project provided for improvements including a new annex with a drama space complete with a stage.



The new space was used for the church's community panto complete with its own chaplain who spent December backstage supporting the forty young cast members at rehearsals and during the shows. The minister led a pantomime praise service where many of the cast took part in worship. With increased seating capacity, record numbers have booked and parents have organised events raising over £10,000 for Mission Possible.

The Pantomime Director and Choreographer commented: "I have been involved with the pantomime for sixteen years and seen how it brings the community together. Life-long friendships are built and the village has a home."

News from Angela

Six months after my move I am still pleased to read the Newbury Methodist Church magazine and keep up with news. Here is my update!

After nearly half my life spent in Newbury I realize I have left a lot of history behind, some of which I am very happy to forget and the rest I was sorry to leave. However the time had come for me to consider all aspects of such a move. My desire to be rid of the responsibility of the house and garden and increasingly feeling that I should be nearer the family all of whom live in and around Kent, seemed to indicate that now was the time to do something about it. I was encouraged by people I had met who had moved to Newbury for just those reasons and without exception they said do it sooner rather than later while you are young enough to start a new life. How right they were!

I looked on it as a new adventure and chapter 5 of my life and knew that I had to make a real effort to get out and join things and meet people. There is no doubt it has taken some courage for one who is not really adventurous but it has been worth it.

One of my first tasks was to find a church I felt happy in. It was an interesting experience going round different fellowships - Zion Baptist was amazingly 'happy clappy' despite an elderly congregation and a very understated communion service. The other Baptist Church provided me with a baptismal service for two very elderly ladies who undertook total immersion.! The Methodist has a small congregation (20 including me – the youngest) and their services are very traditional still using Hymns and Psalms. Without exception I received a very warm welcome at all these places but it is the Parish Church in the centre of this lovely small town that has attracted me most – quite a change never having been Anglican!

We have a variety of services and a large congregation with two clergy and several other officers and a choir of about a dozen. I am getting used to the ritual - i.e. standing for the Gospel reading – but surprisingly hardly anyone kneels for prayers.

The church is undergoing a 're-ordering' process -i.e. modernization - but it is a slow process. First is the removal of the kneelers!! I don't know what is next but the pews need replacing as they are rather wobbly and old and apparently the stained glass needs attention. The building itself is old and has a beautiful ceiling of carved wood and a tall tower (which I see from my flat). It was built high to act as a marker for ships sailing into the harbour which at that time was 2 miles down the road. Some of Henry V111's ships were built in this village of Smallhythe. Tenterden is a Cinque Port – but the sea has now receded 10-15 miles.

It is nice that ten of us from Oak Tree Court attend this church. Within the flats we are developing a good community - it is a new build. We have quite a few community activities and in the afternoons people meet up in the communal lounge and chat over a cuppa. I hope that in the summer I shall get into the garden; the weather has been so awful this winter I haven't got out as much to explore as I had hoped. I have joined many societies, plus WI and the 2 U3As along with some walking groups, and am now finding familiar faces when I attend these things.

We are in the middle of storm Dennis as I write and so I shall go downstairs for some company as I haven't made it to church – it was blowing a gale and is pouring hard still -3.30. Golf and walking will be 'out' this week I fear.

I send everyone my best wishes and love

Angela

Quote for Lent

"God never tires of forgiving us;
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Pope Francis

Hi Everyone,

There it was gone. My Dad used to say that to us when I was younger. I think he was generally talking about food, but I'm talking about January! Even though it has flown by it has been packed full of things:

We went on 10 client visits spending more than 25 hours in our client's homes supporting them and moving them toward debt freedom.

Over 10 hours was spent connecting with nearly 40 referral agencies.

Training took up over 6 hours of the month, all of it compulsory training for regulatory compliance.

All that doesn't include numerous calls to clients, meetings, admin, media connections, etc.

Suffice to say there's lots to do. So my questions to you is: Can you be a part of it? We are looking for people to join the team.

We need more befrienders, especially men. We are building momentum and getting more interest from referrers, with many saying they have people to refer to us. Clients are booking in and we need befrienders to come alongside them. This doesn't take oodles of time, it can just be a text message or a phone call to check how they're doing. You would need to be available on a Thursday and/or Friday in the daytime to come on visits with me. It's incredibly rewarding to see a client flourish when someone shows they care. For some it's giving them their life back.

Do you love events? We will be running events for clients a few times a year, to build community and to share Jesus. We are also looking at running referrer events to connect with local referrers and provide a platform to work together better. Could you help with an event, or even be part of organising one? This could be as easy as making tea and coffee or baking a cake for an event, or welcoming people.

Are you a prayer warrior? We are looking for a person (or a couple of people) to run prayer meetings, or put together prayer bulletins. We would love to continue running a monthly evening prayer meeting focussed on CAP. Could you welcome people to your home, or be willing to run one at your church and build a group who will cover the CAP team with prayer?

Could you do the odd thing to bless a client? Deliver an emergency food shop; Bake a cake; Help collect things for/put together/deliver special hampers (eg Christmas), or negotiate with local businesses to provide things to go into them; spend a few hours doing some gardening. The list is endless....

Your Debt Centre needs YOU!

Please let me know if anything in the above excites you to be involved, or even just ignites a slight flicker of interest. I'd love to talk about the possibilities, but please be assured there's no hard sell. We'd just love to have you on board.

God bless,

Lisa

Lisa John

Centre Manager - Newbury

Christians Against Poverty

07307 209636

(Normal working days: Thursday & Friday)

Please call 0800 328 0006 for all new enquiries





NEWBURY FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE
www.newburycounselling.org

Newbury Methodist Church Members

February 2020

Dear Church Members

Donations in memory of Sylvia Tinkler

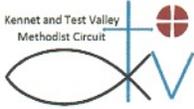
Newbury Family Counselling Service (NFCS) has recently received a considerable donation in memory of Sylvia. I know that many of the church members contributed to this and on behalf of the Trustees and team our enormous thanks to you all.

Sylvia actively supported the fundraising efforts from when the initial planning for the Counselling Service started until she became ill; she was also a volunteer creche worker for some years when the service began in 1992. Sylvia will be remembered by us for her longstanding friendship and generosity in support of the many families the service has helped over the years

Once again, our thanks to you all for your generous donations to NFCS in memory of Sylvia.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Lilley
NFCS Manager
Nfcs.manager@googlemail.com



Pastoral Carer Workshop

(suitable for all who offer pastoral care within your church community)

Saturday, 21 March 2020

10.00am (coffee 9.30am) – 12 noon

At Newbury Methodist Church, Northbrook Street, RG14 1AN

Enhancing Your Communication Skills

How to improve communication with people that have difficulties and are non-verbal through stroke, dementia etc

An informal workshop led by

Sara Roberts and Su Seneviratne

West Berkshire Speech & Language Therapists

Book your place – contact Karen Frost, Pastoral Development Worker on 07444 851 606 or email pastoraldevelopmentworker@outlook.com



**February update on current
needs at West Berks Foodbank
(As at 25th February 2020)**

Urgently Needed

Long Life Fruit Juice

Low in Stock

Sugar (500g or 1KG please)

Well Stocked

Please, no Pasta, Beans or Soup

Thank you.

Quote for Lent

*During Lent, let us find concrete ways
to overcome our indifference*

Pope Francis

The Psalms: In Study and Song

What can one say about the Psalms? I should think, for most Christians, it is their favourite book in the Old Testament. 150 beautiful Psalms contains songs of praise and prayers of penitence and so much more.

Churches Together in Berkshire, in conjunction with The Open Bible Trust, and holding a day dealing with the Psalms in which we shall be singing some of them from a new translation by Revd. Dr Adam Cargill but to well-known traditional hymn tunes, so everyone can have a good sing! But as well as singing them, to give our voices a break, we shall also be studying them and my wife, Sylvia, and I shall be leading these studies.

We shall be considering Psalms of praise, penitence and lament, and the Songs of Ascent. We shall look at the structure of the Psalms, their titles and the doxologies. Also repeated Psalms and Acrostic Psalms ... and so on. It promises to be a delightful day so please join us if you are able.

This day of song and study will be held from 10.30 – 4.00 on Saturday 21st March 2020 at Grange United Reformed Church, 139 Southcote Lane, Reading, RG30 3AJ, and there is plenty of parking at the church.

Tea and coffee, and cake and biscuits, will be provided but please bring your own lunch. There is no charge for this event, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the expenses, and there will also be a bookstall.

If you would like further information please email me at admin@obt.org.uk or phone me on 01491-671357.

Michael Penny

Chair, Churches Together in Berkshire



The Psalms

In Study and Song

with Adam Carlill, Sylvia Penny & Michael Penny

Saturday 21st March 2020

10.30—4.00

Grange United Reformed Church

139 Southcote Lane, Reading, RG30 3AJ

(Tea/coffee & cake provided; please bring your own lunch)

10.30—11.30: Introduction, Praise & Penitence, Structure

11.30—12.00: Refreshments

12.00—1.00 : Lament, Temple, Kings

1.00—1.30 : Lunch

1.30—2.30 : Titles, Authors & Domestic Religion

2.30—3.00 : Refreshments

3.00—4.00 : Christian Reception & Praise

**There is plenty of parking at the church.
There is no charge for this study afternoon but there will
be an opportunity to make a donation.**

For further information please contact

**Adam Carlill: email adamcarlill@me.com or phone 07753 411989
or Michael Penny: email admin@obt.org.uk or phone 01491-671357.**



Prayer Breakfast Calendar for 2020

MARCH 14th – KCC

APRIL 11th – No meeting (Easter)

MAY 9th – Jesus Disciple Centre Church

JUNE 13th – Glendale Church

JULY 11th – St Mary Shaw

AUGUST – NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12th Methodist Church

OCTOBER 10th – Bridge Church

NOVEMBER 14th – TBC

DECEMBER – NO MEETING

Meet Monday

You may have been made aware of Meet Monday, a group for adults with learning disabilities and autism, which started at St Nic's Church in October. This group is now well established in the life of St Nic's, and we'd love to see its ministry grow. It would be wonderful if you could promote this ministry in your churches, in whatever ways you think appropriate.

The Newbury area has a large number of people with learning disabilities, some in supported living, others in care homes or living independently and some living with elderly parents. This is a mission field on our doorsteps that is often overlooked but Meet Monday may be just right for them.

We meet to offer people with learning disabilities and autism a church experience that is accessible, relaxed and understandable. Meet Monday has an interactive programme of easy-to-understand Bible teaching, drama, prayer, craft, music and sensitively-led sung worship, all starting with light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome, including support workers and family members who may, in any case, need to accompany their client or relative. The group meets on the first Monday of each month from 7:30 to 8:45pm in the lower hall at St Nicolas, West Mills, Newbury RG14 5HG.

Further information from Pete or Christine Winmill on 07711 869810 or 07751 431277, or by email at counteveryonein@gmail.com.

and Christine can provide flyers and posters if you're able to make use of them to raise awareness of this growing and exciting ministry.

Thank you, and God bless

Marcia Wadham
Ministry Apprentice
St Nicolas Church

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

(formerly known as the Women's World of Prayer)

Friday 6th March

'Rise, take your mat and walk'

Newbury's service will be held at

ST. NICOLAS CHURCH

at 10.30am

Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

All are welcome ~ men, women and children.

The Evergreen Fellowship

Newbury Methodist Church (Wesley Hall)

2.30pm - 4.00pm

11th March	Gentle Sealed Exercises	Chris Treacher
25 th March	Flower Arranging	Barbara West
8 th April	Holy Week Thoughts	Rev Peter Bennett
22 nd April	A Ball of Fluff with a Purpose!	Jenny Eaton, Guide Dogs for the Blind
13th May	Table Talk	Karen Frost
27 th May	Surprise!	Muriel Wood

Remember!

If you require transport contact Karen on 07444 851606 or
email pastoraldevelopmentworker@outlook.com

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

No later than Sunday 22nd March 2020

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Electronic Version of the Newsletter

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On our Website

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

www.newburymethodistchurch.org.uk/newsletter

Services for March



Sunday 1st March - 1st Sunday in Lent

*10.30am Morning Worship Rev Peter Bennett
includes Holy Communion*

*7.00pm Contemporary Worship with friends from the
Bridge Church in Newbury*

Sunday 8th March - 2nd Sunday in Lent Church Anniversary

*10.30am Anniversary Morning Worship
Mrs Sandra Wylie*

Sunday 15th March - 3rd Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship Mrs Tessa Bennett

Sunday 22nd March - 4th Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship Mrs Rosie Greenhalgh

Sunday 29th March - 5th Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship Worship Leaders