

Withington Methodist News

May 2021



SUNDAY WORSHIP

We will be opening the doors of Withington Methodist Church for Sunday morning worship from April 4th - Easter Sunday.

We will be maintaining the same protocols of social distancing and face coverings as when we previously opened. More information can be found later in the magazine.

9 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven. John 20, 19-23

DEAR FRIENDS,

Jesus "showed them his hands and his side."

That doesn't sound a lot like Pentecost. When we think of Pentecost we usually think of the rush of a violent wind, divided tongues of fire, speaking in other languages, the apostles intoxicated by the Spirit. That's how Luke describes it. But John's account of Pentecost talks about locked doors, fear, wounds, peace, a shared breath, being sent.

In John's gospel Pentecost is more quiet and intimate. The disciples are afraid, they're hiding behind locked doors. Jesus comes and stands among them. "Peace be with you," he says. Then he shows them his wounds from the crucifixion. He shows them his hands and his side.

I wonder why Jesus did that. I wonder what he wanted them – what he wants us – to see.

I think there's more to be seen than just the mark of the nails and the

piercing of the sword. I think it's about more than simply being able to identify Jesus as the one who was crucified. I think that in showing us his wounds Jesus is identifying with every person who has been hurt, wounded, who has suffered during the coronavirus crisis.

The daily news breaks my heart: I see fear. I see anger. I see arrogance. I see privilege. I see unemployment. I see poverty and economic hardship. Those are the open wounds of our post-coronavirus reality and Jesus identifies with them.

This month we celebrate Pentecost, we are also slowly coming out of lockdown. And Jesus says to us all: 'Peace be with you.'

"Peace be with you," Jesus says. What does that mean when you're afraid and you've locked the doors of your house, your heart, your life?

"Peace be with you," Jesus says. What does that mean for the friends and family of the more than 130 000 people who have died from COVID-19?

"Peace be with you," Jesus says. What does that mean for you and me today? What is this peace Jesus offers? What does it look like, feel like?

I don't have a lot of answers to the questions I've asked. Each one of us must figure out how to be peace in our family, community, church. I can't tell you how to do that but I can tell you this: The peace Jesus offers doesn't mean serenity or lack of conflict. And it doesn't mean that we necessarily get our way. But the peace Jesus offers changes hearts. It sends people into the world. It heals lives and let's all people breathe. The peace Jesus offers will be found next to the wounds of this world. It's a wounded peace.

Have a blessed Pentecost and peace-ful month,

Rev. Krystyna

A REFLECTION FROM CAROLINE WICKENS

Psalm 22 is one of the most surprising psalms in the whole book of psalms. It begins in complete despair, with the words that Jesus remembered on the Cross:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

The psalm continues to lament the psalmist's sufferings and to ask for God's help. And then – suddenly, miraculously – that help is given, and the psalmist recognises God's presence even in the midst of suffering:

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him!

Scholars think that this psalm may have been sung in the Temple, and that there may have been some way of revealing the Lord, maybe letting a bright light suddenly flame out as a symbol of God's presence. It's fascinating to think that we may be able to guess something of what worship looked like, so long ago – yet still worship of the one God.

Does this sudden change of mood relate to our own experience? Over this time of pandemic, so many folk have found themselves with a sore throat, a cough or a fever, and have gone for a COVID test. Forty-eight hours of anxious waiting, and then the text pings onto the phone and – it's negative. The fear dissolves like morning mist and suddenly all's right with the world. For them, the words of this psalm are spot on. The language of rescue and relief makes complete sense.

But, of course, it's not like that for everyone. For many, the test result is positive, the beginning of a frightening journey of self-isolation and, for some, symptoms that range from unpleasant to life-threatening. Does this psalm have more to offer than crass optimism?

For me, it's very important to remember that these are the words which came to Jesus on the cross. Whether or not he continued to say the psalm to himself we don't know; but he must have known that the words changed

their focus so dramatically towards the end. In his suffering, he chose words which recognised that the darkness is horribly real, and yet God is there in the midst of it. God's presence is for times of terror, not just when everything is rosy and going well.

Maybe you know the story behind the hymn 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine'. If not, you might think that this hymn too comes into the category of over-optimism. But there's more to it than that. Its author, Frances Crosby, was blind from her early childhood, and raised by her grandmother following her father's death. She knew about struggle and hardship – yet she was still able to write these words of trust and hope.

I think that psalm 22 ends with joy because God is there in the darkness, not because the darkness is banished. In our troubles, God is with us, as we're 'watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his mercy, lost in his love'.

PRAYER LIST

We remember in our prayers:

Those suffering the effects of long Covid,
Promilla, Noel, Urima, Aima, Hannan,
Ann,
Stella,
The family of Barbara,
Lizzie and family,
Sylvain and family,
Georgine,
Ingenesia,
Ann,
The family of Phil,
Millie,
Ian,
Audrey
Glyn and Gaynor
Thandi and Peter
Muriel



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Morning In Person Worship and Back to Church Sunday!

We have made the decision to open our doors once again for restricted in-person worship at Withington Methodist. Just as before, we will only have a limited number of spaces available to allow for social distancing, and face coverings will be mandatory unless you are exempt.

We will continue to stream the services on YouTube up until May 23rd which will be our 'Back to Church Sunday'. This is when we would like to encourage everyone who feels comfortable to start attending church in person.

Of course we will still request that everyone follows social distancing and wears a face mask (unless exempt). We want to keep our church family safe but also know that in-person worship is a big part of our Christian lives for many of us.

We hope this comes as good news and will continue to keep you updated as this date gets closer.

If you would like to book in to attend in-person worship, or would like further information, please contact Richard- 0161 445 0804 or office@withingtonmethodistchurch.org

Live Stream

Please join us in Sunday morning worship, in video format on YouTube-

<https://youtu.be/rT2mLAeFHp8>



Virtual Coffee Morning and Bible Study

We have a virtual coffee morning every Saturday from 11:00 am and a fortnightly Bible Study every other Wednesday (6th and 20th January) from 10:30 am which you can also join by phone.

In order to join using a traditional or mobile phone:

Please dial 0131 460 11 96

You will be asked for the meeting ID: 841 4119 8605

Press the hash key on your phone. #

Wait a few seconds and press the hash key again. #

Manchester Circuit Sunday Evening Service

A warm welcome as ever to our worship tomorrow evening.

The Zoom platform will be open from 6pm for those who wish to catch up with others from their church, and as usual worship will begin at 6:30.

The joining details follow-

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99984161376?pwd=bVlvMEJTMtSM2dOc2JxRWcvVVdxdz09>

Meeting ID: 999 8416 1376

Passcode: 1901

One tap mobile +16699006833, 99984161376 #, 1901#

Daily prayer

If you would like to receive a daily prayer via text message, please sign up by texting Krystyna on 0777 6121 679. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Weekly conference call service

Every Sunday from 2:00 pm until 2:30 pm, feel free to join us from 1:50 pm for a quick catch-up chat before worship where you can also share your prayer concerns. The service includes: a reflection/call to worship, prayers, Bible readings, a short sermon and a hymn.

All you need to join is a traditional or mobile phone.

Calls are charged at local rate and are included in network bundle deals.

THE JOINING DETAILS ARE THE SAME EVERY WEEK:

To join the service please dial: 0333 0164 757

Give the room number: 79317515 #

Give the PIN: 8347 #

After giving the room and PIN number don't forget to press the hash key on your phone.

Reflections and written worship resources:

If you are not on email and would like to receive a printed copy of our mid-week, end-of-week reflections or written worship resources for Sunday, please contact Krystyna on 0161 612 2668.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th- 16th May

Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2021

With every gift, with every voice, with every prayer, with every action, we stop this climate crisis.

Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Weather extremes are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis and one place that has experienced this is Kenya.

In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. Together, the climate chaos and coronavirus are a double threat to lives and livelihoods.

Climate chaos is causing a hunger crisis

In Kitui, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die. People can't earn a living and they go hungry.

People are forced to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm and grow food for their families. Elderly women and children are especially vulnerable on these dangerous journeys and can face robbery or conflict as people battle over scarce resources. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weaker and weaker. They can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk. Families need every last drop to survive this climate chaos.

Christian Aid has been working in Kenya since 1997. One of our long-standing partners in Kenya is Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADSE). Christian Aid and ADSE are working together with communities in Kitui county to help them to adapt to drought as well as flooding, as climate chaos robs people of control over their lives.

ADSE helps communities build earth and sand dams, and rock catchments, so they can harvest water near their homes. Dams are simple and cost-effective natural storage solutions. They catch the rain when it falls, increase

the amount of stored water available to communities, defend against intense rain and flooding, and free women and girls from making long and dangerous journeys to collect water.

Meet Rose: a loving, hard-working grandmother

One woman who is experiencing the worst of the climate crisis is Rose. A grandmother, Rose is an experienced village leader. She is proud to be able to cover the costs of her grandchildren's education by working as a casual labourer.

After her husband died in 2006, Rose began to feel ill. She went to hospital and was diagnosed with HIV. She says: 'My faith has helped me to accept my status and I believe that, with the doctor's advice, I will live a long life.' The medication Rose takes requires her to eat a balanced diet, but because of the long journeys to get water, she can't farm the vegetables she needs and she goes hungry.

In this desperate climate chaos, Rose battles to bring water home for her grandchildren. Every morning, after nothing to eat, she sets out on a long, dangerous journey, walking six hours to collect water.

While she walks, her stomach gives her stabbing pains. She feels weary under the hot sun and the full jerry cans are heavy (40 litres of water weigh 40kg). Her aching legs walk on, because if she gives up, her grandchildren will suffer hunger and thirst. 'We have to walk long distances. We are suffering,' she says.

Rose needs every last drop to survive the climate chaos

Rose remembers her childhood when the rain was reliable and there was plenty of food. She wishes her grandchildren could have the same lives; instead, she hopes that her sacrifices will give them the chance of a better future. But the climate crisis is driving her to the brink. When she arrives home, exhausted, her grandson Charles cooks her a meagre bowl of porridge – but he knows she is still hungry.

But it shouldn't have to reach this breaking point.

There is a nearby earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home. It should be a lifeline. But it's not wide or deep enough for everyone's needs. It runs out of water too quickly.

Rose and her community need a bigger dam, to help them capture the rainfall and create a long-lasting source of water for their families.

A song of hope and power

What happens when the search for water does not consume people's lives? What happened when people have the water they need to thrive?

We can find out by meeting Florence: a woman who has transformed her life with access to a dam full of water.

Florence is a soulful, joyful woman: full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous and kind – a survivor.

A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. Like Rose does now, she had to walk for hours to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But she is a fighter. With help from Christian Aid's local partner, Florence and her community were able to build a dam together, just 30 minutes from her house.

Using water from the dam, Florence grows tomatoes, onions and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and she has enough left to sell. It's her source of life and joy.

Florence also uses the dam to keep bees: the microclimate of plants growing around the dam means the bees don't need to search long distances for nectar. She sells the rich, golden honey at the market.

She says: 'I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power.'

Blessings for all in need

You can see Florence's strength and power as she hauls heavy buckets to water her crops. You can see her strength and power as she sings to encourage the women with whom she farms. You can see her strength and power as she takes climate justice into her own hands.

Florence is a generous woman of faith. She knows others are struggling to cope without a reliable water source, and wishes the same blessings she has received will be granted to them: 'There is a village nearby – they don't have an earth dam. They are suffering. I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving.'

This Christian Aid Week, will you stand with people like Rose and Florence?

Please donate this Christian Aid Week (10-16 May). Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, providing a regular and reliable source of water in affected areas of Kenya.

- **£4.40** could teach 10 farmers how to plant **drought-tolerant crops** that can survive the drought.
- **£10** could buy a pair of taps at a **water point** which will be installed at an earth dam, making it easier for people to fetch water.
- **£42** could buy 350kg of **cement**, which is needed to build an earth dam.
- **£545** could pay for a **skilled labourer** to work on the construction of an earth or sand dam.

Every pound raised, every prayer said and every action taken, are expressions of our Christian love and compassion, of our belief that all life is equal and precious in the sight of God. Together, we stop this climate crisis, and give brave, hard-working women like Rose the chance to thrive.

You can also join us as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.

Also, pray with us for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

We can all be part of the solution. All we need is courage and determination.

Stand together with us to fight this climate crisis.

Donate at Withington Methodist Church

Although we are unable to conduct any door-to-door collections, or collect at church as we usually would, we have been able to set up an 'e-envelope' to track our collective donations as a church. If you are able to donate online, please do so by following this link-

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/withington-methodist-church?channel=copy>

Or scan the QR code here (just like you do to check in to a location for track and trace.)



NEWS FROM THE CONNEXION

06 APRIL 2021

Climate Justice for All - COP26

A youth-led campaign calling on the global Methodist family to take climate action in the run up to the UN's COP26 is launched today by a group of workers from Uruguay, Britain, Italy, Zambia and Fiji.

'Climate Justice for All' (CJ4A for short) is a campaign which invites Methodist communities all over the world to engage in the issue of the climate crisis and declare 'we believe in climate justice for all'.

"The message of the campaign, 'we believe in climate justice for all', is so important because as Methodist people we want to remember John Wesley's declaration that God's love was for all and we wanted to make clear that when we seek climate justice it is not just for a small number of individuals but for all." Camila Ferreiro, Uruguayan CJ4A Worker.

"We believe that, for climate justice for all to be a reality, communities on the front lines of the climate crisis need to be equipped with the right resources and there also needs to be fairness through the highest emitters being the most ambitious in reducing their carbon usage to net zero." James Appleby, British CJ4A Worker.

The campaign is asking Methodist communities to do three things in the run up to COP26: listen, call and commit.

"First we will listen because as a team we realized that telling our own stories and listening to others was an important tool for learning about and responding to the effects of the climate crisis. Second, we will call because we knew that it was not enough to just talk about climate justice within our Methodist communities but take that message out to our political representatives. Third, we will commit because it ensures that, as communities make personal commitments to enact change within their own contexts, the work of the campaign is sustained after the COP and change is truly embedded in the lives of Methodist communities." Iemaima Vaai, Fijian CJ4A Worker.

As part of the campaign, CJ4A are releasing monthly short films and worship resources to help tell the stories of Methodist communities who are taking action for the planet.

“This campaign is especially exciting because it offers the global Methodist family the chance to take climate action together by listening to and learning from one another about how to best care for the planet that we all share.”
Irene Abra, Italian CJ4A Worker.

As well as workers from five different countries, CJ4A has a volunteer network from fifteen other countries including Russia, India, Argentina, Zimbabwe and the USA.

“We have a brilliant opportunity to model the kind of global working we wish to see our leaders at COP26 doing.” Mollie Pugmire, British CJ4A Worker.

COP26 is the United Nation’s annual Climate Change Conference which is set to be held in Glasgow from 1-12 November 2021.



09 APRIL 2021

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have made the following statement in response to the announcement of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The Revd Richard Teal and Carolyn Lawrence said: “We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We will remember Prince Philip’s dedicated support of Her Majesty The Queen for over 70 years, and his long and exceptional service to the country and to the Commonwealth. We thank God for the Duke’s commitment to hundreds of voluntary organisations and the positive impact his Award Scheme has had on the lives of millions of young people.

In her grief, we pray that the Queen will be comforted by her strong faith in the days and weeks ahead and we extend our condolences to her and all of the Royal Family”

13 APRIL 2021

Methodist Church announces new Rural Mission and Ministry Officer

Sarah Hulme has been announced as the Methodist Church’s Rural Mission and Ministry Officer, a new full-time position aimed at expanding a confident and vibrant Christian presence in rural communities and advocating for the complex social issues these diverse communities face.

Sarah will serve on the Evangelism and Growth Team and will work closely with Methodist and ecumenical colleagues on the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and at the Arthur Rank Centre. She will take up her post in early May and will collaborate over the next season with the Revd Elizabeth Clark,

current National Rural Officer, as Elizabeth prepares to retire at the end of the Connexional Year.

The role is part of the Methodist Church in Britain's commitment to be an inclusive, growing, evangelistic, justice-seeking Church for the 21st century.

Sarah has lived and worked in Cumbria for the past 25 years. She is a member of Penrith Methodist Church and also part of the Mountain Pilgrims fresh expression community. Previously a modern foreign languages teacher in secondary education, Sarah has worked over the last ten years on the diocesan staff team for the mainly rural and ecumenical diocese of Cumbria. There she has served widely in encouraging and equipping for evangelism, fresh expressions, leadership development, and missional approaches with young people.



Sarah commented: "I'm really looking forward to working nationally alongside Methodist and ecumenical colleagues to support and resource diverse rural communities, churches, and leaders across Britain."

Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth, commented: "I'm thrilled to welcome Sarah to the team. Her gifts and graces – and her extensive life and work experience in rural contexts -- will be a great asset to the whole Church as we live further into the truth that evangelism and justice are Gospel partners."

The Revd Dr Claire Maxim, CEO of the Arthur Rank Centre, commented: "We welcome Sarah to her role. The emphasis on rural mission and ministry by the Methodist Church is very exciting, and we are looking forward to supporting and working with Sarah."

27 APRIL 2021

Announcement regarding the Methodist Conference – 24 June – 1 July 2021

The Hilton Birmingham Metropole has informed us that the hotel will remain closed until September, therefore they are no longer able to accommodate the 2021 Methodist Conference. I want to reassure you that colleagues in the Connexional Team are working hard to find alternative conference facilities and accommodation in the Birmingham area.

If a venue can be found, those attending will be given the option to come in person or join online.

While we hope an alternative venue can be found, contingency plans for the Conference to be held online are also in place should it not be possible to find a physical venue.

Our plan is for the ordinations to go ahead as planned in the venues booked and the Ministry Team will be in direct contact with ordinands about arrangements for those services and for the Reception into Full Connexion.

There will be an update by the end of next week (Friday 7th May) and we appreciate your patience, understanding and prayers while arrangements are being finalised.

29 APRIL 2021

Leadership on a Journey

An exhibition that will showcase the influence of Black British, Asian and British global diaspora leaders on Methodism

‘As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the Gospel of peace.’ Ephesians 6.15

The Museum of Methodism at Wesley’s Chapel in London is curating an

exhibition in conjunction with the national Church that will showcase, through objects and stories, the influence of Black British, Asian and British global diaspora leaders on Methodism.

Explaining the aims of the exhibition, the Revd Dr Jennifer Smith, Superintendent Minister of Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, said: "Our responsibility as a Museum is to give all of us a fuller sense of history to help us navigate the future. This is heritage as mission, and deeply about forming and re-forming Methodist identity to resource our mission today."

In preparation for the 'Leadership on a Journey' exhibition, the Museum is asking people to send a photo of themselves or a person they want to nominate for the exhibition, and the shoes they wear to do their work in whatever walk of life. Dr Smith says: "Sometimes our leaders can feel superhuman or so far away that it is hard to think about emulating them or leading ourselves. Exhibiting the shoes of Methodist leaders, we are reminding ourselves that the longest journey begins with one step."

The Museum of Methodism is currently displaying a pair of boots belonging to the Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal which he wore during his Presidency of the Methodist Conference and which carried him from Sheffield to London during his Presidential year to protest the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees. These boots are displayed alongside the equally worn 18th century leather shoes belonging to John Wesley.



Speaking about the resonance of shoes on a life's journey, Dr Bhogal, said: "I will never forget the first shoes I ever had in Nairobi. A shoe maker came to our house to measure me up. I wore them for my first big journey, from Nairobi to London. I am a walker, now I mainly use boots like those on display in the Museum.

The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal

"The guru who inspires me a lot has no feet, no hands, no eyes. He says you

can travel far without going anywhere, speak without uttering a word, see without looking. So what do shoes say and show? What journeys and messages and visions do shoes inspire in you? Who are people you would nominate for this Museum display with this in mind?"



John Wesley and Inderjit Bhogal's shoes on display at Wesley's Chapel. The boots belonging to Inderjit Bhogal were used from 1997 to 2000.

Bevan Powell, Equalities and Diversity Adviser for the Methodist Church, said:

“The Leadership on A Journey exhibition, celebrates the rich diversity of Methodist people and their incredible contribution to British Methodism. The story of these modern day disciples and their selfless acts of kindness and love of others, will be captured through their shoes worn to provide comfort and protection as they travelled the long and sometimes difficult road of service and leadership. This is an exciting exhibition which I hope will inspire greater focus on the contributions of black and Asian people to British Methodism. The exhibition reflects many of the aims of our ‘Strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity: Towards a Fully Inclusive Methodist Church’.”

The exhibition will run between 5th September and through Black History month until 26th November 2021.

EASTER OFFERINGS SERVICE

The Circuit Zoom service planned for Sunday evening May 9th, will be led by women from around our circuit, using material prepared by the Connexional officers of MWiB.

Sadly, because of Covid we have been unable to distribute or collect our usual Easter Offering envelopes.

However some folk may still wish to continue to make a donation to Easter Offerings as in past years, or even our church may want to send a donation to World Mission Fund



There are three ways of giving to the World Mission Fund:

By cheque made out to 'Methodist Church World Mission Fund' and sent to the Finance Department at Methodist Church House (Methodist Church World Mission Fund, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR) with a covering letter indicating the circuit's name and ID number (Manchester Circuit 19/01) so that those donations can be properly attributed

On-line at The World Mission Fund just giving link: Donate - Donation amount - JustGiving.

Giving can also be done by a BACS transfer directly into the Methodist Church World Mission Fund account using the following information. Sort code: 40-02-06 Account number: 70951706 If making a payment using this method, be sure to include your circuit reference followed by 02 – our reference would be 190102 – and If there is space, including the Circuit name to ensure that your donation is attributed to the correct circuit.

Jenny Went, (on behalf of Manchester circuit MWiB)

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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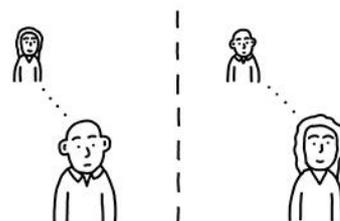
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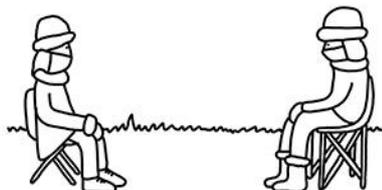
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The next magazine will be out on the 30th May.

Weekly newsletters will be out every Sunday on the Withington Methodist Church Facebook Group and via email.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to next month's magazine, or the weekly newsletters please pass it on to Caroline Fielding - withingtonmethodistnews@gmail.com

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Sunday Services

Morning Worship* : 10:45 am
*booking required

Regular Activities

Monday	Monday Monkeys – 10:00am - 11:30am
Tuesday	Tuesday Tots – 10:00am - 12 noon Tuesday morning coffee fellowship <i>see inside cover</i>
Wednesday	Rainbows – 5.30 - 6.30pm Brownies – 6:30 - 8:00pm
Thursday	Needles & Yarns craft group – 2-4pm
Friday	Men's Club – 2:00 - 4:30pm
Saturday	Contact Centre – 2:30 - 4:30pm

About Withington Methodist Church

We are a community of people who meet to worship God every Sunday morning and evening (see inside cover for details). Our services are open to all. At our morning service, we have both a crèche and Junior Church available for children ('All Age Worship' will only have the crèche as older children are welcomed into the main service).

During the week we have various other activities & organisations meeting at our premises. We have two toddler groups a week and are open weekday mornings for anyone to have a coffee and a chat. Our craft group meets on Thursday afternoons for anyone who wants to bring a craft or learn a new one. We have various rooms available for hire for anything from a once off hourly basis to a long term let, please speak to the Church Office for details, or email withingtonmethodistnews@gmail.com.