

GODISNOWHERE

Dear Church Family

How do you read the letters above? Take a moment to reflect – what is your first reaction? Does it change after careful consideration?

If you read the letters above as God is no where!, as many do initially, how did it make you feel? I suspect it was somewhere in between indignation and anger. But what happens if you take another look and you read it as God is Now Here! What a difference the placing of spaces makes.

As Christians we believe God is everywhere. He is with the hurting and those in need, He is with those celebrating, and in special places like church and in nature all around us too.

I have been urged to take some time out, having been very busy on your behalf recently. How did I react? Initially if I am honest indignantly with an I'm Ok. But as time went on I realised that actually I do need some time out – Space.

It would be good to get away from preparations, and meetings and have time to explore new places perhaps in nature where Cino the dog can get some new sniffs and new feelings under his paws. Time to celebrate family birthdays coming up.

Someone pointed out that silent and listen used the name letters too! So seeking space from the busyness space to be silent and listen in prayer without the pressure of busyness to feel God's presence might just change Stressed to Blessed. And strengthen me to take up the challenges that lie ahead as I return.

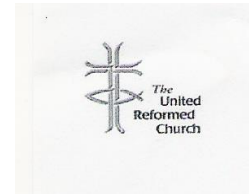
Yes we do face some challenges for the future but with your help, together we can take up those challenges and I believe move into a Hope shaped future.

Blessings



Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

NOVEMBER 2021



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends
John 15 : 13

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

Morning Service 10:30am **Sunday 7th November**
 Traditional Lynne Le Masonry

Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm – 3:30pm **Friday 12th November**
 Church

 Morning Service 10:30am **Sunday 14th November**
Remembrance Sunday
Holy Communion Rev Bonnie-Belle Pickard

Morning Service 10:30am **Sunday 21st November**
 On Screen Lynne Le Masonry

Morning Service 10:30am **Sunday 28th November**
Advent Sunday
 CTiS United Advent Service 6:30pm Lynne Le Masonry
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MESSAGES

DEMENTIA SUPPORT CAROL SERVICE
 Thursday 16th December at 2:30pm in the Church
 All welcome, please let Janet know if you hope to join us

CAROLS IN SHEERNESS (Formerly at Clock Tower) venue yet to be decided

BIRTHDAYS

Heather M	1 st November	Diana	10 th December
Maureen	7 th November	Brian	27 th December
Joyce McGrath	8 th November	Stephen	28 th December
Marilyn	11 th November		
Daniel	20 th November		

BLYTHESWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021

Thank you for your filled shoeboxes and donations

Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

We are now collecting food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries
 for the food bank and the Community Bus.

Thank you, Janet, for taking Food Bank items over to Morrisons on our behalf.

Notices for December 2021 should be available from Sunday 28th November
 please let me know if you would like something included. Heather

Dates for your Diary

Church Monthly Coffee Mornings



We hope to hold a **Christmas Coffee Morning**
 on **Friday 10th December**,
 to be held in the Coffee Shop 9:30am–11:00am Refreshments, Raffle, etc

Tuesday Coffee Morning

Nothing has been decided yet as the Tuesday Coffee Mornings are organised by
 Olive (Long) and the Salvation Army ladies.
You can always arrange to meet up with friends in the Coffee Shop

Prayer and Care

Prayer and Care is hoping to start again very soon.

Taketime is a series of relaxing guided meditations
 based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

Taketime Together  is now meeting on Fridays at 11:15 in Church

Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Contact Janet for more information.



CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

You are all invited to our Carol Service which will be held on
 Sunday 12th December at 6:30pm



UNITED ADVENT SERVICE

You are all invited to this CTiS (Churches Together in Sheppey)
 United Advent Service to be held here at Hope Street
 on Sunday 28th November starting at 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

There will be a Christmas Day service here at Hope Street starting at 10:00am
 It is also hoped that there will be an afternoon service on Christmas Eve