

Newington Methodist Church
Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 2JH

News and views for the week commencing 8 November



The church building
remains closed in
November and until further
notice.

Notices

- **Sunday on line service at 10:30am**, Remembrance Sunday service – will be led by Rev Robin Selmes The service can be found on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waTlo5ofJ4U&feature=youtu.be>
- You're also invited to join in the **Newington social catch-up before the service at 9am** online using Zoom at: : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4628098433> (or use meeting ID 462 809 8433) ... or join by telephone: 020 3481 5237 (charged at the standard national rate); when requested enter meeting ID 462 809 8433 followed by #; press # again when asked for a participant ID
- **Sunday's service on line**, on 15 November will be led by Rev. Robin Selmes and Hartlip Methodist Church
- **Sunday morning service in Sittingbourne during November Lock down will be cancelled.**
- **Sunday afternoon service in Sittingbourne 3pm, (outdoor), "Bring your chair and Bible" during November Lock down will be cancelled.**
- **Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th at 10 am** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4628098433>
- Safeguarding policy updated – see the attachment.
- Alfa course on line, see the poster
- Interfaith Marriage seminar online, see the poster

Reflection

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the compassionate Father and God of all comfort. He is the one who comforts us in all our troubles that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God. *2Cor 1: 3-4*

This is a calming message to all of us. We need it. We are heading into another lock down. Although it is a bit easier than the last one, the uncertainty of all future development brings up a lot of worries. It is almost like some invisible demon question mark is shaping our smiles, voices, how we compose our sentences, the tone of our speech, not to mention our thoughts and dreams.

Under this unseen yet obvious stress God is not sleeping or ignoring our situation. He is compassionate and his presence is comforting. Let's continue in prayers and good work.

Amen

People and places for prayer

Draw us, O Christ, by grace irresistible, to the centre of all faith and to the heart of all sacrifice, to the deepest of all wells and to a work that is not our own, even your holy Cross, to which we cling and by which we are held, for your own name's sake. AMEN

(taken from Methodist prayer book, Dora Greenwell 1821-1882)

- Beryl and Peter, Margaret N, Val T.
- Prayers for our government, community and the church family are important and keep us all connected.
- We remember all those affected negatively by this current lockdown. Lord give wisdom in financial struggles, and peace of mind in anxiety.
- We pray for America and the political situation there this week. May God bring stability and peaceful understanding to the country.
- We remember our friends who have died and their loved ones: Audrey, Margaret S.
- We pray for Michael and Ro as they prepare to move house and all the stress that accompanies this. May God bless them in their new place and may they be a blessing too.
- Praying with Christians in East Africa and Britain *(taken from Day 8 Prayer handbook)*

Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda – The Methodist church in Wales

Heavenly Father, to share the Good news, your Son, Jesus, climbed mountains, wandered through the fields and crossed over waters. Help us to remember today, as we travel down different roads that this earth remains precious, created in love and graced by your presence, so we may tread lightly and discover afresh the way of your kingdom. Amen (*by*

Stephen Wigley, Walews Synod Chair)

Riddle

A prison you feel safe in, yet never quite happy. Whenever you try to leave, it only grows bigger.

(The source from internet)

Answer to last week's puzzler: Doubts and fears

Please send news, prayer requests and any other contributions for inclusion in the weekly newsletter to robert.zachar@gmail.com

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