

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 23rd May 2021

The church building will
reopen for worship on 30th May.



Notices

- **Sunday on-line service at 10:30am** will be led by Robert Zachar. The service can be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAG6bJEsj2Y>
- **Newington social catch-up before the service at 9am. This Sunday and the next Sunday there will be no meeting!!!**
- **Next Sunday on-line service 30th May 10:30 am** will be led by Ann Smith.
- **Sittingbourne Sunday morning service, 10:30 am.** Booking is in place, please call or text Paul on Tel: 07939 604253
- **23rd May Pentecost service in the orchard-** this year the service will take place inside at St Mary's. Due to the promise of bad weather the service will be inside the church. Rev Julian said we are all very welcome to come. Booking is in place. Call or text Lis Wilmet on: 01795 841226 or eMail: liswillmet@btinternet.com (*Lis already knows about 4x Zachar, B&J Gilbert*)
- **Newington Methodist church reopening 30th May 9:30 am** service with Holy Communion. We would like to move the time of our worship services to 10:30, but the first Sunday the 30th still needs to be 9:30 because Robert is dashing to lead the service in Sittingbourne.
- **Spring Cleaning Day 20th May.** We did a lot of cleaning painting and talking. Bernard installed a new water heater so the leak in the store room can start drying. Thank you to all who came to help, we hope you had a good time. It was good to see Eva after a year.
- **Table top sale 15th May.** It was well supported, we made £ 70.12 The suggestion to give a portion to Christian Aid charity will be discussed.
- **Date for diary:** Naomi Oates Testimony Service – Saturday 12th June, 2 pm. (Naomi is due to be ordained during the Methodist annual conference, on Sunday 27th June). The testimony service will be online for those who are able to access it.

Other activities you can join in during the week via Zoom

- **Bible study** – we have a two week break and return to a new series from 8th June, Tuesdays 2-3pm. We will be looking into the book of Acts. It should be exciting.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665077649?pwd=SzQyQjZnTGRxeFNEOUUxMENla1d3Zz09#success>
- **Prayer and Share** 9:30 am. Meets fortnightly: 30.4.; 14.5.; 28.5.; 11.6.; 25.6.; 9.7.; 23.7.
<https://zoom.us/j/84866590559?pwd=UzlLQklnK1BZa3Nya1p6M3lVNnN4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 848 6659 0559 Passcode: 604787

- **The reflection** for this week is in the Sunday service sheet.
- **From Alan T.** we have a short prayer/reflection by Lilian Cox and taken from Flowing Streams an Anthology of Anthologies compiled by Donald Hilton.

Like a strong wind

Dear God,
I am thinking about the wind,
and about you.

I can't see the wind,
But it is very real.
I can feel the wind.
I can see what the wind does,
Ruffling my hair,
Moving the leaves on the trees,
Blowing into the sails to carry a boat alone.

Dear God,
I don't understand all about you,
But I know you are real.
I know you can touch my inside thoughts,
I know you are always there.
I can't see you,
But you are real. And you love me.

You understand all about me;
I can talk to you,
And listen to you inside my thoughts.
I'm small like a boat with a sail,
And you can move me along
To try things with you and for you,
To adventure with you and for you.

Thank you God,
For being God.
Amen

Lilian Cox

- Continue to pray for people in Israel and Palestine. Prayers for people in India as they suffer very high numbers of Corona cases.
- We pray for the upcoming reopening of our church.
- Val Trice, settling at home. She has to stay indoors and has to be very conscious about walking.
- John G. had minor surgery last Monday.
- Beryl and Peter W. Peter had a fall and Beryl fractured her finger it was all an accident resulting in a hospital visit till late in the evening last week.
- Pray for J.K and family. J. passed away last week after severe cancer illness. J was a good, lifelong friend of Mavis and | Peter
- We remember our friends who have died and their loved ones: Audrey, Margaret S.

- **The 2021 Ice Hockey World Championship kicks off on May 21**, and to say fans are excited would be an understatement. For those who will be watching at home, you can follow the IIHF Ice Hockey official YouTube channel for free. England plays Slovakia on Sunday 23rd May 10:15 am.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8COV7xaZ5MY>

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