

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 17th October 2021

Pursue Love and use your ambition
to try to get spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1



Notices

- **Sunday Worship** will be done by Local arrangement. Jenny Gilbert will lead the service. The service starts at 09.30 am.
Next Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 24th October will be led by Rev Robert Zachar. *After the service we need to make our response relating to the Internet connection provided by circuit to our church so please reserve some time to stay for this. Thank you.*
- **Sunday 17th October circuit live stream worship 10:30** will be led by LP Roger Byard. Follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REU1DJCbCw>
- *The next Sunday circuit live stream, 24th October, will be led by LP Richard Vincent.*

Looking back with thanks:

- Harvest Festival –thank you for all the donations. Everything was taken to Swale Food Bank.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Extra church council meeting** - after last week's email conversations the consensus is **12th November 2021, 2 pm at the church with agenda about:**
 - Circuit mission strategy plan.
 - Voluntarily contribution to the Methodist Pension Fund
- **Christmas season in Newington Church** (this may be altered, watch this space!!!)
 - 28th November, 1st Advent Sunday, Covenant service
 - 19th Dec. Sunday service in a Christmas spirit.
 - 24th Dec. Friday Christmas Eve – no service
 - 25th Dec. Saturday, Christmas Day – no service
 - 26th Dec. Sunday after Christmas – no service or joint with St. Mary's PC

Reflection on God's word Job 38:1-7.34-41 Mark 10:35-45

Job, together with two sons of Zebedee were told to calm down. In our ambition to understand our past and our future we eventually hit the limits. Socrates, often titled the wisest man of his time said: *"I know that I know nothing"* We are limited and left to dwell in contemplation rather than analysing.

These limits may seem unfair but God set up limits on everything and it is for our good. The entire universe, life on Earth, physical laws, and creatures are set up with some kind of limits. They are important and if there are no limits nothing would work. Remember the words of Apostle Paul: *"All is allowed but not all is beneficial"*. We often suffer with unlimited ambitions, greed and desires do we not? Most of our climate troubles are developed because of the dream about unlimited profit we can make in our business. So God sometimes says "No", or "enough". Perhaps it is good that we do not know some things after all.

What is it you do not want to know?

What is it you know and wish you didn't know?

People and places for prayer

We remember in our prayers all those unwell. Lift them in our prayers to the Lord of all comfort. May His goodness restore our souls and health.

We pray for Peter and Beryl, Eileen H. and her family, Judy S., Val T. , Elena M. and her daughter Sofia

John G. asks for prayers as he has an eye procedure this Sunday, sometimes during our Sunday morning Worship

Ernie S. had a rough week, ending up in hospital. It turned out to be just a visit with a good check-up and he is going to spend a week with his son now.

We remember those who died and their loved ones. Audrey G, Margaret S.

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

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