

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 7th November 2021

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have too much, and the one who
gathered less didn't have too little*
2Corinthians 8:15



Notices

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion will be led by LP E.Vincent.
The service starts at 09.30 am.

Next Sunday Worship 14th November is Remembrance Sunday and we are joining St. Mary

- **Sunday 7th November circuit live stream worship 10:30** will be led by Rev B. Belle Pickard.
Follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Vg1g4dLCsl>
- *The next Sunday circuit live stream, 14th November will be led by Elizabeth Harfleet .*

- **Dates for your Diary:**

- Newington Coffee morning 6th November 10-12 am. If you can come and help to set up, call Jenny G. Robert and Rachel will not be around as they travel to the Methodist conference in Prague.
- **Newington History Group**, is inviting all to WW1 Peace Tree dedication at Newington Recreation Ground on Thursday **November 11, at 11am**. Villagers have written messages of peace, which the history group will place in a time capsule and bury at a later date, with the idea of retrieving it in 100 years' time. Thelma Dudley (Sec. NHG)
- **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. Read attached documents please.
- **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: Ruth3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Mk12:38-44

Jesus dislikes the religious leaders of his time. He did not fall into the deceiving illusion of their pious performances. He could see through them. It perhaps reminds us of some speeches we can hear from the COP Conference in Glasgow. Big words, great promises but before we applaud, let's wait and see how much will actually happen. Waiting is not the best word, perhaps *"let's be active without performing great speeches"*.

The new James Bond movie is due to come out in cinemas. There is something special about being a secret agent, acting at a high level of importance. With our generosity we are agents in a secret service. Generosity is a big thing but not a big show. Probably the whole world is here because of this noble virtue. Generosity can be the main factor in diverting imminent disasters in individual lives but also on a global scale. **2Corinthians 8:15:** *"the one who gathered more didn't have too much, and the one who gathered less didn't have too little"*

So the story about Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth telling us that even when things seem hopeless God has people to come to our aid. Willing and joyous givers who intentionally look for the opportunity to share and become a blessing to others. Surprisingly it is often a simple anonymous person like the poor widow, who has no name in the text yet Jesus lifted her actions up above those with great wealth. How do you feel about your giving? Is it a joy and meaningful part of your faith and deeds?

People and places for prayer

We pray for Peter and Beryl, Eileen H. and her family, Judy S., Val T., Elena M. , John G., Ernie S.,

Pray for Jenny G. neighbour Rosemary L. and her family.

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

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