

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 9th January 2022

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise

Psalms 100:4



Notices

Sunday Worship will be LA by Chris Chare. Service starts 9:30 am

Next Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 16th January will be led by R. Zachar.

Sunday 9th January circuit live stream worship 10:30 will be led by Bart Woodhouse. Follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwo1Lif6bAs>

The next Sunday circuit live stream, 16th January will be led by Rev Naomi Oates.

Dates for your calendar

Our first **Coffee morning** in 2022 will be on 5th February. We are always on the lookout for new books, bric a brac, and other items.

Reflection on God's word: Psalm 143:8

"Tell me all about your faithful love come morning time because I trust you.

Show me the way I should go because I offer my life up to you. "

We stand at the doorstep of the New Year. It is 2022 and we all pray that the world will be healed and life returns to what we are used to. There is still a resistance to accept the experience of the last two pandemic years as a new norm. But somewhere deep inside I sense a growing certainty that normal will not be what we used to know as normal. And perhaps God is saying that the old normal was not normal at all.

Starting the New Year with this uncertain prospect can cause a lot of damage. And it already has! But in situations like this God increases his presence, his gifts, the intensity of thirst and hunger. Assurance, blessed assurance can be given to you and to many others as we ponder on his word, let our hearts listen to him and definitely decide to trust his guidance through the following days. In this sacred space and time between you and God, perhaps in prayer, or a time of worship, when you lift up your hands in thanksgiving and adoration, may you experience being lifted up high above all the negative and uncertain. In moments like these God can build you up stronger than before.

I wish you all a blessed New year.

Rev Robert

People and places for prayer

Those who pay close attention to the poor are truly happy. The Lord will strengthen them when they are lying in the bed, sick. You will completely transform the place where they lie ill.

Psalm 41:1-3

We continue to hold each other in prayer. We pray for the mission of our church to reach out and bring Good news to all. We pray for Chris Ch. as he is leading this Sunday worship.

Prayers for Jenny G. and Bernard

Ernie S. as he is going to move to Pine Lodge in Sittingbourne.

Peter and Beryl W. Peter is still in hospital

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

We remember the family and friends of Joyce Cripps as she passed away peacefully in her sleep just after Christmas. Funeral arrangements and memorial service dates to be confirmed. For those who do not know Joyce. Joyce was a long standing member of Newington Methodists for many years but lately of Sittingbourne. She died aged 101 and will be remembered fondly by many.

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