

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 19^h June 2022

You are all God's children
through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 23:26



Notices

Sunday Worship 19th June will be led by Anany Kasongo. The service starts 9:30 am

Next Sunday Worship 26th June is local arrangement.

Sunday 19th June circuit live stream worship 10:30 will be led by *LP Tracey Burch*.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4P_FGQ82uA

The next Sunday circuit live stream, 26th June, will be broadcasted from Methodist conference. The service of Reception into Full Connexion and Conference Worship

- **The coffee morning** last Saturday went very well. Thank you for all hard work and just being there. We welcomed couple of people from local area as well. The next coffee morning 2nd July, will be "Cherry morning". Hopefully the season and cherry harvest will go well.
- **Worship planning group** discussed variety of ways how to fill **Local arrangements** and one of the suggestion is that once a quarter we will join Sittingbourne Methodist. This is suggested for 17th July, but yet have to be confirmed by more members positive support. Perhaps on Sunday after service steward can gather your voices.

- **EQUIPPING CHURCHES FOR LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Open to stewards , worship leaders and anyone involved in local arrangements

Saturday 2 July — Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church

Saturday 16 July — The Brent

Both 10am — 1: 30pm

Bring a packed lunch

Contact naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk to book your space

Reflection on God's word Luke 8:26-39

Jesus met a man possessed with demons. He set him free and let the demons enter a herd of pigs which then rushed into the lake and drowned. That is the brief content of our Bible reading. It talks about demons. A very controversial topic. Demonology has a vivid history full of imaginary anthropomorphic images and characters. Testimonies, mysterious cases, the unexplained past, it all falls into this category of ghosts, demons and satanic occult practices. In the modern mind-set we perhaps allow a statement that says demons personify all the evil, rebellious and shameful acts people could ever invent. But it can create a clever excuse for avoiding responsibility for our own actions as we just blame the demons for everything.

What we learn from this story is that Jesus challenged the status quo. Demons were not comfortable in his presence and with his statements. That sounds supernatural, but actually it is very much what every believer is into. We are called to grow into Jesus' likeness and into his image. Living by the principle of Love we challenge the status quo and confront injustice, perversion, unkindness, selfishness and all other demons who hide so well in our lives.

Prayers of intercession

Creator God,
In the beginning
Your word subdued the chaos
And in the fullness of time
You sent your Jesus, your Son,
To rebuke the forces of evil
And to make all things new.
By that same power
Transform our fear into faith
That we may have courage to follow
In the way of your Kingdom,
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

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

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