

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 26th June 2022

It is for freedom that Christ has set us
free. Stand firm, then, and do not let
yourselves be burdened again by a yoke
of slavery.
Galatians 5:1



Notices

Sunday Worship 26th June is local arrangement and Chris Chare will lead the service. The service starts 9:30 am

Next Sunday Worship 3 July will be led by Martin Smith.

Sunday 26th June circuit live stream worship 10:30 will be *will be broadcast from Methodist conference. The service of Reception into Full Connexion and Conference Worship*

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2022/conference-programme/2022-06-26/1045-pm/reception-into-full-connexion-and-conference-worship/>

The next Sunday circuit live stream 3rd July will be led by Rev Bonni Belle Pickard,

- **Coffee morning** will be the first Saturday in July. We hope to have some cherries and all other goodies. Please come and invite your friends.
- **Methodist conference 23- 30 June 2022 meets** at Telford International Centre, near Birmingham. If you want to watch the conference online go on: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/>

- **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 Following Jesus

I will follow you but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family...

Luke 9:61

In the call to follow Jesus we are called to restructure our priorities. Jesus pointed out two very important areas where we tend to feel tension and often use them as an excuse not to follow Jesus. This digs down very deep and everyone has to answer for himself. In the name of family and in the name of our own comfort we do great, but also terrible, things. How many of us have signed up for so many out-of-work activities that we are exhausted at the thought of them and yet they were meant to help us relax. The children need taking to so many places at the weekend that you don't actually spend time together as a family? The mere thought of committing to something else right now seems impossible and yet Jesus calls "Follow me". Consider this: "more is less". What does that actually mean? How can having more things mean that I have less of them. Well, if I have too many commitments, I have less time to spend on each one and they don't get my full attention. What I want to point out is that even in these two areas of life (*family and our possessions*), and perhaps in all others too, if there is no God, just us, we can fail and we are vulnerable, enslaving ourselves into decisions and commitments which lead nowhere. Jesus says "Follow me" but he doesn't want your half-hearted response of "in a minute, when I've finished this etc." We can put off following Jesus our whole lives but if it is not something we are prepared to commit to then we will never get round to it, not now, not ever. Each day is precious and should be lived as if it is our last. Following Jesus isn't like joining the PTA or local volunteer group, it's walking hand in hand with someone who can help carry the load of our everyday lives. Get your priorities right, being busy, endlessly filling our time with activities won't bring fulfilment but having Jesus in first place in your life can, and will, if you let him.

Praying The Faith

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O our souls, praise him, for he is our health and salvation!

Praise him in glad adoration.

Fill our lives, O Lord our God, in every part with praise,
that our whole being may proclaim your being and your ways.

Our souls sing to thee, our Saviour God, how great thou art!

You are the God we adore, our faithful, unchangeable friend,
whose love is as great as his power, and neither knows measure nor end.
We love you; we worship and adore you: glorify your name in all the earth.
Your splendour O King is clothed in majesty; we rejoice with all the earth.

With gladness we worship, how blessed to bring free hearts and free voices.

We worship you, Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before you, your glory proclaim.

We celebrate your gift of love.

We thank you God, with hearts and hands and voices, you have done wondrous things.

To you, God, be the glory, great things you have done!

So loved you the world that you gave us your Son.

What a comfort divine, what a blessing to know that my Jesus is ours

We will praise our Maker while we've breath.

We give thanks with grateful hearts to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

In the midst of our darkness, Lord, your love is shining.

And that love may never cease.

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King.

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

AMEN

(based on Singing The Faith: 88, 75, 82, 67, 6, 15, 17, 34, 44, 81, 94, 80, 79, 78, 59, 56, 57, 99)

Amen.

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

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