

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 24th July 2022

Lord, teach us to pray.

Luke 11:1



Notices

Sunday Worship 24th July will be led by will be led by Elena Markova. The service starts 9:30 am.

Next Sunday Worship 31st July will be in the orchard, united and ecumenical, led by Robert Zachar. The service starts 10:30 am

Sunday 24th July circuit live stream worship 10:30 will be led by Bart Woodhouse.

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/worship-from-home.html>

The next Sunday circuit live stream 31st July will be led by Robin Selmes.

Calendar

- It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Freddie Davey. Freddie was a long standing worship leader at South Green Methodist Church. Her funeral will be held at 11 am on 29th July at the Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing. We keep in prayers all family and friends.
- **31st July, Farewell service for Tony Graff and Rev Elaine Cranmer**, 4pm at Gravesend Methodist church. Rev Tony Graff is leaving the Circuit to continue his service in The Methodist Church in Burnley Lancashire and Rev Elaine Cranmer is retiring and moving out of the area.

The Circuit is celebrating their time with us and wishing them well at this farewell service.

The service will be led by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard and Rev Helen Hollands (District Assistant Chair). Refreshments after

Thank you, both, for all you have given to each of us and to the North Kent Methodist Circuit.

Reflection on God's word Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. This prayer has been preserved for us ever since as the Lord's Prayer and not been taken away from our lips since. We pray this prayer in the church, small groups and in the privacy of our own place. God is the Father and we are his children. He provides, protects, and guides us. Every sentence can resonate and inspire a whole chapter of practical and relevant actions and revelations about ourselves, others and the life we live.

Jesus also spoke to his class about how important it is to persevere and repeat our prayers. This repetition does not mean a mindless religious routine. It creates a space in our life, a sacred space where the Holy Spirit helps us to grow and learn more about the meaning of our own problems we bring to God. We may experience inner peace and often a different understanding than we had before we started to pray. That is why we pray, so the Holy Spirit can work on us from the inside and lead us further than we would ever get without this experience, or perhaps stop us from going further than we would go without him. Jesus teach your church to pray.

Prayer

God, you have poured the Spirit of Christ into our hearts
So that we call you Father.
Give us grace to devout our freedom to your service
That we and all creation may be brought
Into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen
(MWB, collects, pg.551)

- Prayers for the new prime minister.
- Prayers for united service at Orchard
- We remember those who died and their loved ones. Audrey G, Margaret S., Peter W., Ernie S.

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