

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 2nd October 2022

The apostles said to the Lord:
“Increase our faith”
Luke 17:5



Notices

Sunday Worship 2nd October will be led by Martin Smith. The service starts 9:30 am

Next Sunday Worship 9th October will be led by John Stunell. *(This is change to the plan as Trish Robb cannot take the service)* The service starts 9:30 am.

Circuit live stream 2nd October will be led by Bonni Belle Pickard. The service starts 10:30 am

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYPE42jh9X4>

Next Sunday live stream service 9th October will be led by Naomi Oates.

Calendar

- **Ecletic Avenue Variety Concert** at Third Avenue on Saturday 8th October at 7pm. See the poster for details
- **Bearsted Quiz night, Saturday 19th November 2022 at 7pm.** We look forward to welcoming teams at the church with zoom option for those who cannot join us in person. Further details: bearstedmethodistchurch@gmail.com
- **Harvest Festival will be held on 16th October.** Non-perishable items from the harvest display will be donated to Swale foodbank. Lunch to follow at 12:30. Please let Chris Ch. know if you would like to stay for Harvest lunch so that we know approx. numbers for catering. Call: 01795 436669
- **Church council meeting 10th October,** Monday 2pm at the church

Reflection Psalm 137 and Luke 17:5-10

I am sure we are only slightly aware of what challenges Jesus' disciples, now titled as apostles, faced. They wanted to do what Jesus called them to do, but so much of it was just out of this world. Forgiving sins, healing the sick etc. They were genuine, when they asked Jesus to – *"Increase our faith"*. There is another scripture which goes well with this situation, Mark 9:24 *"I do believe, help me to overcome my disbelief"*. The words said by the father whose son was suffering badly. Jesus told him that he will be ok.

Whether you are a disciple and desire to do miracles for God's glory, or a father whose child suffers badly and you are asking God for help, faith is playing an important role. What you believe matters and can form a completely unexpected outcome. It can seem like a small seed powerless, insignificant and even irrelevant to your problem or situation. Yet it is not. Your faith in Christ is the bond no other power can break, telling you everything will be ok. It can come in an instant or with time, but yes the Lord changes our circumstances for the better.

Prayer from the Methodist worship book

Father of all,
You gave your only Son,
To take upon himself the form of a servant
And to be obedient even to death on a cross.
Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
That, sharing in his humility,
We may come to be with him in his glory,
For he lives and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
One God, now and for ever. Amen
(MWB, pg 556)

Prayers

The autumn season is here now and we all need to be aware of a higher risk of various forms of flu and even covid. Some people have already got flu or feel sick and we pray and care for each other.

We continue in our prayers and practical support to the food bank mission. Remember and pray for all volunteers as they offer their time and energy to serve.

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

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