

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 9th October 2022

Jesus said: "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you"

Luke 17:19



Notices

Sunday Worship 9th October will be led by John Stunell. The service starts 9:30 am

Next Sunday Worship with Holy Communion and Harvest festival 16th October will be led Robert Z. The service starts 9:30 am.

Circuit live stream 9th October will be led by Naomi Oates. The service starts 10:30 am

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uN1O3pJo9W8>

Next Sunday live stream service 16th October will be led by Robin Selmes.

Calendar

- **Ecletic Avenue Variety Concert** at Third Avenue on Saturday 8th October at 7pm. See the poster for details. The concert is postponed due to Covid. New date not known yet.
- **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
- **The change of the Church council meeting date and time 10th October/17th October 1:30 pm**

Reflection on Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered the village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said: "Jesus, master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said. "Go, show yourselves to the priests. " As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus's feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied: *"Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?"* "Then Jesus said to him:" *Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."*

God has done many things for each of us. Some of them we are aware of and a lot of them we do not even know about or perhaps take them for granted. In this story 10 people could not notice the change. They suffered with a skin disease which drove them out of their community and beyond any social links. They were outcasts regardless of whether they deserved it or were innocent. Some of them could have been angry with God and since Jesus told them to go the priest, that would have been a massive challenge for them to put up with, but they did. While they were still on the way they were cleansed. What a day!

Only one came back to Jesus and gave thanks to God. He was a Samaritan. Normally if a leper came to the priest and he declared them clean there would be some sacrifice and payment to the temple. But these men did not even make it to the temple and were cleansed on the way! However they still needed that priestly stamp to be able to return to normal life. All this may or may not happen in between the lines. The real message dwells in our coming back to Jesus to give him thanks. To that, Jesus says: *"Now you are more than healed, you are saved"*

Prayer from the Methodist worship book

God of all power and might,
The author and giver of all good things,
Graft in our hearts the love of your name,
Increase in us true religion,
Nourish in us all goodness
And of your great mercy keep us in the same,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
(MWB, pg 557)

Prayers

We continue to pray for Gods protection and healing to so many. We thank God for each other and maintain a caring spirit for those who are long term or temporarily house bound, those sick or with mobility issues.

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. Recent call is to bring more food as the shelves in the warehouse are getting empty so fast. Please bring an extra to our next harvest festival if you can.

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

Please send news, prayer requests and any other contributions for inclusion in the weekly newsletter to robert.zachar@gmail.com Bank details for Offerings: Newington Methodist Church, HSBC Sittingbourne. Sort Code 40 – 42 – 04, Account 70614696. If you prefer to send a cheque contact our church treasurer Chris Ch.