

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 20th November 2022

**"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favourably on his
people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty saviour
for us in the house of his servant
David.**

(Lectionary, Luke 1:68-69)



Notices

Sunday Worship 20th November will be led by Richard Wade.

Next Sunday Worship 27th November will be led by Rev'd Robert Zachar (Holy Communion)

Circuit live stream 20th November led by Naomi Oates. The service starts at 10:30 am
<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/worship-from-home.html>

Next Sunday live stream service 27th November will be the first of an Advent series led by Bonni-Belle Pickard on the theme "Advent Adventures", focussing on the four women listed in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus: Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba, and Ruth.

Calendar

- **20th November, Sunday 3pm at the manse – worship planning**
- **26th November, Saturday 2pm** – Christmas Fete at Village hall. Organised by St. Mary's.
- **24th November 1:30 pm Brian Davies funeral** at Bobbing crematorium followed by a service of thanksgiving at Third Avenue. We pray for the family of Brian.
- **3rd December – Coffee Morning**

Reflection on God's word

He Loves Me Because He Loves Me

God's love is amazing. There is no rhyme or reason as to why He loves us, but He does, He even died for us, and there is nothing we can do to make Him love us any more than He already does.

Years ago I went through a very difficult time and lost my confidence completely. I felt unlovable and found it hard to believe that even God could love me. One wise friend told me to keep reminding myself that He loves me because He loves me. My situation did not change for a long time but, gradually, that often-repeated truth sank into my mind and I knew for certain that I am loved by God, and eventually by others, too.

Many people struggle with their mental health and some people are unsure that they are lovable. The Gospel message of God's unconditional love is needed by everyone and we have the responsibility to share it.

In **1 John 4** we read, *"This is the kind of love we are talking about -not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.... My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other."*

He loves me because He loves me, and others need to know it too through our love. **MS**

Prayer from the Methodist worship book

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

Prayers

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

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