

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 9nd April 2023

“You do not know what you are asking”

Jesus said.

“Can you drink the cup I drink
or be baptized with the baptism

I am baptised with?

(Gospel of Mark 10:38)



Notices

- **Easter Sunday 9th April** is Local arrangement. Bernard G. leads.
- **Next Sunday with Holy Communion, 16th April**, is led by R.Zachar.
- **Circuit live stream** 9th April, Easter Sunday will be led by Gill le Boutillier - Scott.
- The next circuit live stream 16th April, will be led by Bart Woodhouse.

Calendar back and forth

- **Easter sunrise service** 6 am at the View Point Blue Bell Hill Picnic site (ME5 9RG) followed by breakfast at St Alban's church, Upper Robin Hood Lane, (ME5 9QR)
- **Cornerstone Cafe:** 09.00 to 12.00 noon - at St Mary's Church, Newington, every third Thursday of each month
- **Memory Cafe:** This will take place every fourth Monday from 11.00am to 1.00pm at Newington Village Hall.
- **Last Taboo workshop 3rd June.** Workshop about death and dying at Gravesend and Sittingbourne, Booking required, see the link or speak to the minister.
<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/last-taboo.html>
- **Joint services timetable :**
 - April 23rd: at Newington Methodist Church 9.30am; led by Lis Willmet & Teresa Parker (Fellowship) [assuming St Mary's will still be too cold]

- May 29th: in the Orchard 10.30am: Revs Amanda Lane & Nick Carpenter (The Six Benefice Outdoor Communion)
- June 25th St Mary's Newington 10.00am: Rev Nick Carpenter leader/Robert Zachar preacher (Family Communion)
- July 23rd St Mary's Newington 10.00am: Service leader/preacher TBC (from The Six)
- August 27th St Mary's Newington 10.00am: Service leader/preacher TBC (from The Six)

Prayers for Easter Sunday

Let us pray

In the power of the resurrection we offer our prayers to God.

Christ our Lord, who in his love for us died for us that we might live, we pray for all people in all places and in all kinds of need.

Christ is risen He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Lord our Father, we pray for all people who make up the church, both leaders and congregations. We pray for our minister for Robert at this busy time. We pray for unity among all people of faith throughout the world that they may respect one another and celebrate what they have in common.

We offer our prayers for the world for its problems, for those who are fighting for a bigger share of land. For recognition how we are destroying the natural balances of the world around us.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Risen Lord, we pray for people who are suffering as a result of all kinds of disaster, especially those out of the media spotlight that have happen recently.

May the risen Christ lead them from despair into hope.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Lord of love, we pray for all who suffer in mind or body and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We pray for any known to us who are in special need of our prayers at this time for

We remember those known to us as individuals, neighbours, friends or relatives to us. We remember them now in a time of silence

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

The risen Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and for whom a light eternally shines and brings hope in God's kingdom. We remember You, turn our darkness into light: in your light shall we see light.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for those unwell and housebound. John G. is still in hospital, Shepy Memorial. Still positive on Covid. No news about improvement so far. Keep paying. Prayers for Val T. as her husband Cyril passed away.

Please send news, prayer requests and any other contributions for inclusion in the weekly newsletter to

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