

Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 21st May 2023

You are awesome,
O God, in your sanctuary,
the God of Israel gives
power and strength to his
people.

Psalm 68:35



Notices

- **Sunday worship with Holy Communion on 21st May** is LA Bernard G. will lead the service.
- **Next Sunday worship 28th May we join in the Pentecost service** in the orchard with brothers and sisters from St. Mary and perhaps more other churches. This service will be with Holy Communion and will be led by Rev Amanda Lane and Nick Carpenter. The service starts 10:30 am. Lis asked people to bring their chairs if possible.
- **Circuit live stream 21st May**, will be led by Gill Le Boutillier -Scott.
<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/worship-from-home.html>
- The next circuit live stream 28th May, Pentecost service. Look for updates at:
<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/>

Calendar back and forth

- **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 Methodist Church(13:30-16:00). This is very valuable and informative course for all who mourn, care, serve their loved ones, miss them and wonder what else should be said before they pass away. Booking required, see the link or speak to the minister. <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/last-taboo.html>

- **The minister** will be away between 21 -31 May
- **Joint services timetable :**
 - 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)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John Gorham. John passed away in hospital on 8th of May 2023. Prayers are with his three nieces, god daughter, friends and family. John was a long standing member of Newington Methodist Church and will be sorely missed.

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith
2 Timothy 4:7*

The funeral will take place at Bobbing crematorium on 16th June 2pm.

This two coming Sundays are particularly significant as we remember Ascension of Jesus followed with a mighty outpour of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. With Methodist tradition it is also John Wesley Day or Aldersgate Day and we remember 24th May 1738 when John Wesley, and Anglican clergy experienced powerful encounter with God and it ignited a movement which revived and ignited faith in God in many lives. Today we carry this heritage and legacy and continue in the work of God to save souls. It is a great call and all children of God contribute with their talents and prayers. It is a call to pray earnestly and live our faith with passion about Jesus. Pray for Newington people, for neighbours in our streets, strangers and pray for opportunities and courage to share good news.

Prayers for Val T., Chris Ch. recovering and healing after eye surgery last week. Prayers for all who need them. May God's blessing and compassion is with us.

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