

## Newington Methodist Church

Church Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, ME9 7JT

News and views for the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

All of them were filled  
with the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2: 4*



### Notices

- **Sunday worship 28<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost**

Being the 4th Sunday in the month, we will be meeting with St Mary's congregation. As it is also Pentecost, we will be joining their service in the Orchard (adjacent to the Parish Church). People from other churches in The Six will also be there, as well as visitors from churches of other denominations. The service will be led by Rev. Amanda Lane and Rev Nick Carpenter and includes the sacrament of Holy Communion; (they will use wafers, which are dipped in the wine before being given to the recipient – so there is no sharing of the chalice).

The service begins at **10.30 am**, and tea and coffee will be available afterwards.

It's useful if you can bring your own garden or folding chair, although some stacking chairs are usually available.

You can bring lunch with you if you wish, and picnic with others after the service.

- **Circuit live stream 28<sup>th</sup> May, Pentecost - Bonni-Belle Pickard & Circuit Preachers**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpXDo76gm8E>
- **Sunday worship 4<sup>th</sup> June – Martin Smith**
- **Circuit live stream 4<sup>th</sup> June, Bonni-Belle Pickard**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKGIXH14> Eg

## Calendar back and forth

- **Coffee Morning:** Saturday 3rd June, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
- **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

*John Gorham funeral : Bobbing crematorium on 16th June 2pm.*

*Prayers are with his three nieces, god daughter, friends and family.*

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith*

*2 Timothy 4:7*

## **Pentecost Prayer**

Eternal God,

We thank you for knowing that our words will never be enough to encompass our gratitude and love for you,

and for giving us the Holy Spirit to intercede on our behalf,

letting our groans and wordless prayers be welcomed into your presence.

Thank you for teaching us the power of sacrificial love.

Thank you for always being with us.

We give thanks today for the reminder that you are at work,

within us, through us, around us,

everywhere.

Help us to be your Pentecost people,

declaring the power of the spirit,

helping to bring justice, show mercy, walk humbly,

and seek your will.

We are sorry for the ways in which we do not show the world your nature,

when we lose sight of the gifts you have given us,

when we forget to declare the good news of your love and salvation.

Lord Jesus,

fill our hearts today with the fire that cannot be put out,

quench our thirst that can only be satisfied by you,

guide us on the path you have laid out before us.

Spirit of the living God,

fall afresh on us,

we pray.

**Amen**

**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 be with us.**

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