



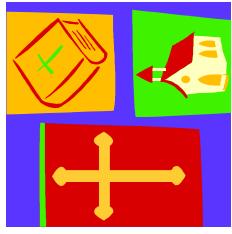
God's blessings are too many to count or mention.
His blessings come to us every day, in every conceivable
form.
Blessings from God come to those who trust and obey him.
Blessings are not merely words spoken, but a special
relationship offered by God.

**ALDERMANS GREEN
FREE METHODIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

February – March 2011

Jude and Gloria would like to thank everyone for their support during the production of the Newsletter and would welcome any comments, ideas and feedback.

SERVICES

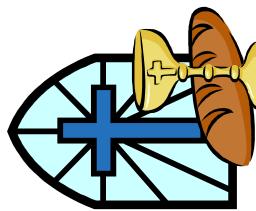


Preachers:

6th March AM & PM – Dr. Roger Gadsby

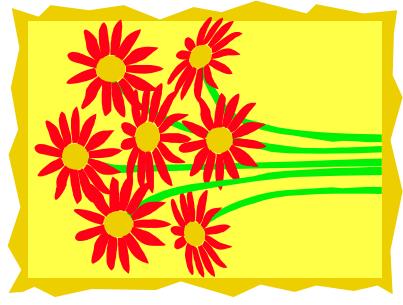
13th March AM – Gideons
13th March PM - Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

All other services during February and March
Reverend Peter Norton



COMMUNION

First Sunday of each month – Evening Service
Third Sunday of each month – Morning Service



FLOWER ROTA

| | February | Donor | Arranger |
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| | 6 | R Woodward | Rita |
| | 13 | M Bredin | Muriel |
| | 20 | Guides | L Porter |
| | 27 | D Harvey | Diane |
| | March | | |
| | 6 | Carol | C Pinnegar |
| | 13 | Elsa | E Taylor |
| | 20 | Jude | Janet Almey |
| | 27 | P Gray | Pat /Rita |

Dear Friends,



As I write this note I am very aware of spelling and grammar and anything that may take away from what I want to say. I was looking at a leaflet that had been produced for an important service and to me it seemed OK, however the person who had compiled the sheet was shocked when he noticed an important word had been spelt incorrectly. For some people it would spoil their enjoyment, others would enjoy the discomfort of the one who had done the deed.

When we see that we have made a mistake or have been misunderstood then we either fight back or try to cover up or face the embarrassment that comes with the mistake or misunderstanding.

To close the 100 years of Guiding, Coventry North held an event at the Britannia Hotel. The girls had a disco and were able to watch pictures taken from over the year on a slideshow. At 20:10 of the 20th of the 10th month the guides and leaders all congregated outside to make the number 2010 and renewed their promises. We then set off a Chinese lantern into the sky. This was a brilliant ending to a brilliant year. However just because it is the end of the 100 year celebrations, we will continue to do many activities throughout the New Year.

We now go forward into 2011, with high spirits and excited about what the year will bring. Watch this space and we will keep you updated with what we get up to.

I was listening to the Prime Minister of Ireland on the news when he was stating whether he was going to continue as PM or not, it took him so long to get to the point that I am sure people turned off before they heard that he was ready to continue in his job, subject to a vote of confidence.

I hope that you are still with me!!! What I want to say is, do not let little things get in the way of hearing what God has to say to you,(spelling, Grammar, too many words) always be ready to listen.

At our home group this week we were looking at Psalm 139, have a look yourself, it tells how completely God knows us, mistakes and all, yet he still loves us.

Simply being open to God will take away our tendency to judge or criticise and help us to look for the thing that God is saying to us.

There is an old song that says this:-

Simply trusting every day;
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by,
Trusting Him, whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads I cannot fall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way be clear,
Praying if the path be drear;
If in danger, for Him call,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him till earth is past,
Till His gracious advent call,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

God bless you,

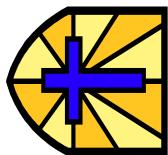
Peter

We woke to a sunny morning, which brightened our entire mood after not much sleep. For breakfast we had a bacon sandwich with a cereal bar and a drink. The bacon batch was lovely! We were given the full run of the castle until closing time. The very first thing that the guides wanted to do was go into the princess tower. Yes the princess tower. The guides insisted on going up to hear the princess story and dress up. Of course I think you all know who really got into the whole spirit of the princess tower (Yes it was Charlotte, no surprise there). All of the girls joined in with story time, dressing up and having their photos taken. We bought the photo to remember the moment.

We then had a venture into the house to look around. We decided to place Peanuts (our mascot) on everything we could. However the fire alarms went off, we thought this had something to do with the fact that we had been placing peanuts on all of the models and beds. But it was a fire alarm and so we had to evacuate Warwick Castle for about 20 minutes.

Once back inside we continued our tour of the house and spoke to all of the actors. One actor in particular became a good friend of ours throughout the day. We called him 'Primark man'. This was mainly due to the fact that one of the guides told him that she had the same socks as him, she had brought hers from Primark, but the actor kept insisting that his were made of the finest cotton. This was very amusing.

We also climbed the many steps up to the towers of Warwick Castle. By the time we had climbed the (what felt like) 1000 steps we finally reached the top. The views were amazing from the tower, we could see for miles. We then had the daunting task of climbing back down the steps to reach the bottom. I think everyone will agree that our knees hurt quite a bit after this. Overall the experience at Warwick Castle was great; the girls loved wandering around the grounds.



bowman. They actors were dressed up in the traditional medieval clothing, which added to the whole experience. I think that all of the girls and leaders will agree that the trebuchet was definitely the best attraction that night. The Warwick Castle team showed us the trebuchet working as it would have in the medieval days, however instead of using a normal boulder to fire, the Warwick Castle team used a fire ball. However the fire ball did not fire as they hoped, and so they had a “miss fire” which meant that we did not get to see the fire ball shoot across the evening sky. But the display was still very good and tense. After this, we had supper (hot chocolate and a cookie) whilst we waited for the final attraction of the evening. In groups we were led into the castle courtyard by actors dressed up as monks. They told the girls ghost stories that surround the castle such as the story of the mad cow. The stories didn’t scare the girls one bit, but they still had a laugh whilst listening to them. We then retired back to our tents and settled the girls down for bed. Whilst we had been watching the entertainment the fairy lights had been switched on which surrounded the perimeter of the field. This gave the grounds a friendlier look. Unfortunately the girls were too excited about the fact that we were sleeping on the grounds of Warwick Castle and so they did not sleep much that night. This meant that the leaders also didn’t sleep from the noise.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

On the 1st Sunday of the month a retiring plate will be left at the back of the church for offerings to go towards our Overseas missionary work.

HOME GROUP

Join this lively group for Bible study and discussion, meeting on Wednesdays at 7.30pm

On
2nd, 16th February and 2nd, 16th, 30th March.
Venues announced in church

CRAFT CLUB

Friday mornings between 10am and 12 noon.
If you’re not crafty come for a coffee and a chat.

The Christmas Craft Fayre raised £1,165.37

Thanks to All who helped.

WORSHIP GROUP

Thursday 9:00pm to 9:45pm After Choir Practice Fortnightly
(or 7:30pm to 8:30pm if no Choir Practice)
Thursday 10th February and 24th February
Thursday 10th March and 24th March

CHOIR

Choir practices will re-start on
Thursday 24 February at 7.30pm

Please checkout Youth Newswire
for more information/dates on events being held via the
Youth Club.



Dates for the diary:

33rd / 21st Guides – Centenary Year: Part 3

MEMBERS MEETING:

Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm
Here in Jubilee Hall/Sunday School
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ROGER JONES conducting *Two Sisters and a Funeral*

Friday March 11th at 7:30pm
Coventry Methodist Central hall
Warwick Lane
Coventry CV1 2HA

A brand new musical written by Roger Jones.

A fantastic retelling of the Easter story
seen through the eyes of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Finale

On the 12th – 13th September the 21st and 33rd Guides stayed in the grounds of Warwick Castle. Around 600 Guides attended the event, which had also been running the previous weekend.

We arrived late afternoon, at the castle just as all of the visitors were leaving. We were guided to the site where we were to pitch our tents and set up camp. Around 20 of our girls attended. Tea was provided for us, but it was just our luck that it started raining at the exact moment that we were receiving our meal. The meal consisted of a Beef burger, muffin, chocolate bar and an Oasis drink. Unfortunately by the time we had ran for cover our burgers were soggy and cold. But this did not ruin the atmosphere that all of the girls had.



WOMEN OF ACTION, SPRING EVENT.

Saturday 26 March 2011
10.00am – 4pm

‘Glimpses of Heaven’

at our Hucknall Church
Annesley, Road
NG15 7DB

Experience a ‘taste of heaven’ through resting with God;
Drama, craft, discussion, pampering and much more.....
A suggested donation of £3 would help to offset costs for the day.

Evening entertainment was provided, which included some of the Castle’s main attractions, such as sword fighting, trebuchet and the

ALBANIA UPDATE DEC 2010

The pictures show the recent work done using the donation given in July. The wall has had to be delayed owing to the bad weather.



After



New roof



Around the flame goes . . .



Happy Birthday Jesus!!!!

CHRISTMAS INVITATION MEAL

CHRISTINGLE



Nativity - All over - Quick back to mum!



Reminiscing – an old version