

Each day we learn from yesterday  
Of God's great love and care;  
And every burden we must face  
He'll surely help us bear---- D.De Haan

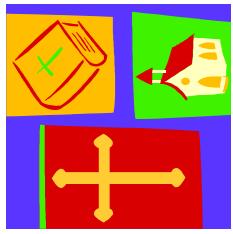
**ALDERMANS GREEN  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**

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.

**June – July 2011**

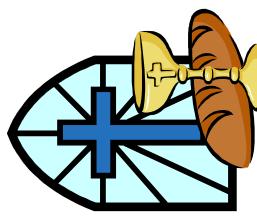
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## SERVICES



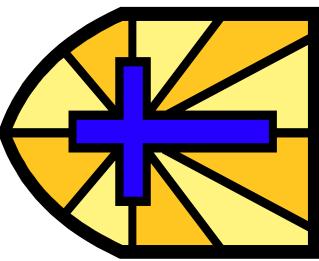
12<sup>th</sup> June AM only – Rev. Maurice Markham

All other services during June and July  
Reverend Peter Norton



## COMMUNION

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



## Dates for the diary:

### **SUMMER FAYRE 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

10:00am -2:00pm

Our Summer Fayre is being held on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Come and help us to make this another success:  
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**Dear Friends,**

**PANTO**  
**Dates for Panto are 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Matinee Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

A workshop will be held in summer holidays; please let Kirsty know your holiday dates so arrangements can be made.

If you want to be involved, either on stage or back stage please let Michelle know ASAP.

Please see Youth Newswire for details.

### **MEMBERS MEETING**

September 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm in Jubilee Hall

**CHOIR PRODUCTION AND SUPPER**  
Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Details to be confirmed

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>

How does it feel to be nearly half way through the year already? I know that time flies when you are enjoying yourself so that should be a good sign.

We plan our year out and when we get into it things happen that seriously change those plan's, it is a good thing that we are able to cope!!!

When Sue and I were at Bible College the motto was something like "Ready for anything". As students sent out on mission to different churches in different areas of the country, we had to be ready for anything.

Some Churches were very organised and others were not, so it was good to be prepared to change our plans at any time. Along with that there was the official motto which was, "Christ for all, all for Christ", so we would go into any and every situation with that in mind.

In the Bible we see in Luke Chapter 9:51 these words, ‘As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.’

Jesus was fulfilling God’s plan for the salvation of the world; it was something that held a fearful prospect for Jesus but nothing was going to turn him from completing the work. He (Jesus) was in tune with the will of God and knew what he had to do, so the plan for his life was clear.

If we are ready to tune ourselves into God through prayer and study of the Bible, then we shall be ready to fulfil the plan of God for our lives, bringing others to God.

Whatever your plans for the rest of the year, be ready for the variations God will bring into your life if you listen to his guidance.

God bless you

Peter



### FLOWER ROTA

Date	Donor	Arranger
June		
5	June Guest	June Guest
12	Worwoods	Pat
19	Helen Lee	Helen Lee
26	K Weaver	Karen
July		
3	M Manley	Mabel
10	Olive	Rita
17	Percy	King
24	Jackie	Sewall
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If anyone would like to volunteer for the empty slot in the last week of July please see Pat.

## **HOME GROUP**

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

On

**June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Venues announced in church

**NB No meetings in August**

## **OVERSEAS MISSIONS**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Coffee morning for Teardrop Fund raised £150 – thank you

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## **WORSHIP GROUP**

Thursday 9:00pm to 9:45pm After Choir Practice Fortnightly  
(or 7:30pm to 8:30pm if no Choir Practice)

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## **CRAFT CLUB**

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

**The Summer Craft Fayre 2<sup>nd</sup> July.**

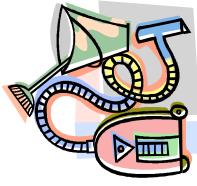
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## **CLEANER**

We have a new cleaner for the church!

Hooray, Charlotte has agreed to clean the church.

Thank you to all of you who have helped on the rota in the past.

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## **TEARDROP FUND**

The Coffee morning held in aid of the Teardrop Fund raised £150.

Thanks to all who contributed.

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**Please checkout Youth Newswire  
for more information/dates on events being held via the  
Youth Group**



Thank you

When I realised that I had breast cancer, I was absolutely stunned. However I must give thanks to my daughters, Olive and Norma. Olive came early in the afternoon and stayed throughout the operation, which took place at George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton.

When I woke up Norma was waiting for me and she took me back to her home in Benn Road Bulkington, where I stayed for about a month, as I had to have injections every day.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who prayed for me during that time.  
May the Lord Bless you all.

Love and Blessings

Audrey Batchelor

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Thank you

John Ashton (and family) would like to say thank you to everyone who made his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday so special. Thank you to all for their cards, presents and good wishes.

Love and Blessings

John and Evelyn Ashton

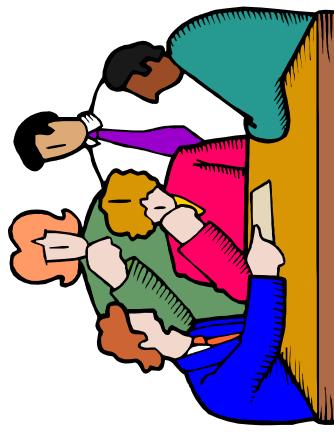
5:15-5:45pm. All are welcome from those who wish to drop in occasionally to those attending regularly.

Any other business promoted 3 main topics as follows:

**Church Printer:** this option was still to be explored as running costs as well as initial purchase prices of various printer types had not produced a clear winner. Dave will try to provide a solution for the next meeting/newsletter.

The June-July Newsletter publication for 2011 had been delayed in order to contain this summary of the meeting. Other Members Meetings fall within the production time of the relevant next newsletter. The members were asked to agree and vote on whether this should occur again next year. It was agreed.

Ideas for ways in which to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee next year were asked for; it was hoped to hold an event involving the community – please think about this and bring your idea/s or pass them on to Peter or Stuart to present at the next meeting in September. This will be an agenda item next time.



## Summary of Members Meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2011

Please see Stuart for full minutes and details.

Opening Devotions were made. This was followed by Apologies, and Minutes and Matters Arising from March's meeting. The Annual reading of the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy was made and a report made by the Trustees.

This was followed by voting on further Mandates for our Representatives to take back to Conference 2011.

Harvest and Christmas arrangements for services were discussed and dates finalised. We will continue to support the work of Coventry City Mission and will ask for long life food again as part of the Harvest contribution. The church will be decorated and so fresh food and flowers will still be visible providing that traditional Harvest Festival feeling. The choir will perform on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September followed by Harvest Festival Services on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>.

The build up to Christmas will begin with the Christmas Fayre and Prize Giving, and will continue to build up over the month and will include the Sunday School Led Christmas Service, Carol service and Christingle. It will culminate in a single family service at 9:30am on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was agreed to order Calendars with the church details and general service details to offer for resale or distribution as an outreach tool. A leaflet to be placed inside containing future dates of services was to be explored.

An open invitation was made to anyone wishing to join in the Sunday Night Prayer Meeting held before Evening Service from



Saturday's Pentecost celebration in Millennium Square in town: some members from our church attended including Carol & Geoff, Melissa & Maria, Peter & Sue, Val & Bob, Eileen, Ronald, Sheila & Peter.  
A good time was had by all; Inspirational!



## FELLOWSHIP EVENING at Fife St Church



Puppet entertainer



Our Youth Celebrations – evening service



Joint Choir



Geoff – travelling blind to ‘Damascus’