



# ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

All Christians have been gifted  
By grace from God above,  
Equipped to build and strengthen  
The church in faith and love. ---- Fitzhugh



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.

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**December 2011- January 2012**

## SERVICES



Bible Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
(Sunday School Prize Giving)  
11:00am and 6:00pm



December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Christmas Service 11:00am  
Carol Service 6:00pm



December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christingle 5:30pm



Family Christmas Service  
Morning Only December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Service starts at 9:30am

All services during December and January  
Reverend Peter Norton



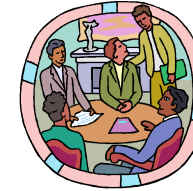
### COMMUNION

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

## Dates for the diary:



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10:00am – 2:00pm.



**MEMBERS MEETING**  
Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Here in Jubilee Hall/Sunday School



**SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY**  
Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm  
Please see teachers for details



### PANTO

**Cinderella**  
Dates for Panto are 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm  
Matinee Saturday at 2:30pm  
Please see Michelle and team for tickets - £5 each.

### BREAST CANCER

The amount so far raised for the walk from Kenilworth to Alderman's Green (in June of this year) is **£1,895**  
(more money still to come for this event!)

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### POSTAGE STAMP

Please save all postage stamps – just tear carefully off the envelopes with a good margin around them and Sue Over will trim them and use them to raise money for The Leprosy Mission.

All undamaged stamps of any nationality or value welcome.

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### WORSHIP GROUP

Worship Group practices, Thursday at 7:30pm on:

1<sup>st</sup> Dec

12<sup>th</sup> Jan & 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

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### HOME GROUP

Join this lively group for Bible study and discussion, meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30pm

On

7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Dec (Christmas Party)

4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Feb

Venues announced in church

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



## Happy Birthday

**From all of us to**



90 years young  
Congratulations  
'Buck'  
(Clarence Butler)



### FLOWER ROTA

Dec	Donor	Arranger
4	Shelia Gill	Pat
11		
18	Ladies	Christmas

Please see Pat and Rita to volunteer for this coming year and choose your dates. New arrangers and donors always welcome; help and advice can be given if required.

**Dear Friends,**

What are your plans for 2012?

You may answer, 'well let us get Christmas and New Year over first before getting into that'. However I think that some of you will have already booked holidays and will be anticipating special events during the year.

How far ahead do we go?

Some will plan for their retirement. I know that my Mum and Dad wanted to cruise the Mediterranean when they retired but were not able because of ill health.

Life can be full of plans for different events, weddings, births/birthdays, anniversaries and surprises for family or friends, the list is endless.

I certainly would not want responsibility for arranging the Olympic Games next year but some revel in such things. We may dream of how an event will go, only to be disappointed or surprised by its outcome. The problem is that no plan is perfect, we cannot factor in for every eventuality.

In this country the weather plays a big part, but so do people, the differences of character, ability, upbringing, age etc, makes it all very complicated.

I suppose that for us who believe in God there is certainty only in Him, we do the best we can and leave the rest in his hands.

Some would say, 'that's the easy way out,' not at all! I said, we must do the best we can and with His help be the best we can be. It is not an abdication of responsibility it is the acceptance of help from the creator of all things which seems reasonable to me.

Look at what God has done for us:-  
Colossians 1:21-23

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—<sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

As we celebrate Christmas and New Year let us ask God what plans he has for us in 2012 and on into the rest of our lives.

**God bless you,  
Peter**

