

**Jeremiah 29:11** *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

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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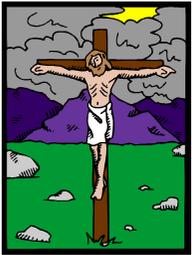


## **ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**April - May 2012**



## EASTER SERVICES



### Good Friday Service

With communion

Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00-8:00pm



### Easter Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>

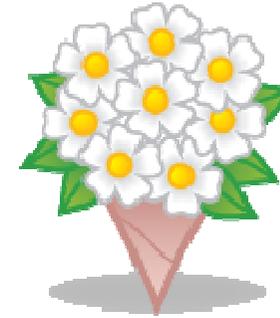
9:00am Communion

Breakfast batches

11:00am Morning Service

6:00pm Evening Service

## FLOWER ROTA



Date	Donor	Arranger
<b>April</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Susan Seal	Susan Seal
8 <sup>th</sup>	Audrey	White
15 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce West	Pat
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	School?
29 <sup>th</sup>	Avril & Neil	Avril & Neil
<b>May</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Over	Val
13 <sup>th</sup>	Doris	Rita
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lynne &	Stuart
27 <sup>th</sup>		

## FELLOWSHIP EVENING

at Fife St Church  
On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**,  
United Choir, Puppets and lots more...  
Followed by Buffet Supper  
All welcome –  
Come and enjoy a great evening of fellowship  
With our sister churches in the area

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## YOUTH CELEBRATION (Sunday School Anniversary)

**Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Services 11:00am and 6:00pm

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**CAMP 2012**  
Planned for October 28<sup>th</sup>  
If you're interested please  
See Michelle for more details.

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**FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
Planned for the autumn  
Watch out for more details;  
Please see Rita or Pat if you'd like to be  
Involved or want more information.

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## SERVICES Preachers:

April 1<sup>st</sup> am - John Vale,  
pm - Rev. John Leslie  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> am - Dr. Roger Gadsby,  
pm - Gordon & Dot Liley



All other services for April & May - Rev. Peter Norton



## COMMUNION

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

**Dear Friends,**

There are so many ways to communicate today with email, phone, texting, twitter, Skype, blogging, writing letters, fax, and we can even talk when face to face! I am amazed at the different methods that can be used to send a message. Colin Braithwaite has arranged for members of committees to have conference calls so that we don't have to travel to Sheffield for a meeting, saving time and money.

How many times do we see the mobile phone in someone's hand sending and receiving messages as people travel to work or young people walking to school, it's impossible to go far without a communication device in view.

It's true to say that life has been filled with this important way of communicating. Can you remember when to have a mobile phone was unusual? Can you remember when you left the house without thinking, "have I got my mobile phone with me?" When you relied on the fact that there would be a phone box somewhere or a passing driver would take you to a phone or garage if the car broke down.

Things change and I am fascinated by all the gadgets that come out day to day. We now have to ask ourselves if we want duo core processors or quad core processors, along with terra bytes of hard drive on our computers. I don't know what it means but I have heard the jargon.

So, language changes along with technology and life, keeping up can be a strain because we need to be aware of where the young people are going and they move so quickly.

## **Dates for the diary:**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> MID WEEK PRAYER GROUP**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
from 7:30 pm in Jubilee Hall.**

All welcome;  
Format, styles and future timings to be discussed  
for the future at this meeting.

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### **QUIZ NITE**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Followed by a fish supper.  
Please see Anne Lively for more details.

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### **WALK OF WITNESS**

**Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00am**

Start St Lawrence's in Old Church Road  
Please see Peter for more details.

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### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> for the Tearfund  
10-12noon**

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**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.

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**HOME GROUP**

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

April	11 <sup>th</sup>	DAVID AND HELEN
	25 <sup>th</sup>	PAUL AND JOY
May	9 <sup>th</sup>	ERNIE AND SUE
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	ANNE

Changes announced in church

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**WORSHIP GROUP**

Worship Group at 7:30pm on Thursdays:  
April 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>,  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

It is comforting to know that some things don't seem to change quite so quickly. Something does not change. In the Bible, in Malachi it says in Chapter 3:6 "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed."

Life will always bring change, the adventure of that is good for us, however it is also good to know that there is a constant in our lives if we are willing to include him, that is God and his love.

Include God in every area of your lives and you will receive blessings.

God bless you

Peter Norton



Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.



Easter is that time of year  
When we think about Jesus' sacrifice  
Laying down his life for all of us  
A painful death, he paid the price

To buy back what Adam lost  
God lives by that rule as well;  
An eye for an eye is what he'd said  
The perfect sacrifice or living hell.

So Thank You Jesus for saving us  
And giving us the choice  
Just like Adam we can choose  
So pick life and rejoice.

Maggie-May; <http://www.poems-verses-quotes.com>



### **NEW VESTIBULE**

Tenders are being made to build the new entrance and vestibule within the church. We have raised some monies already. Please come forward with any ideas you may have for raising more money; some events have been planned but it is hoped more will follow. If alternatively you would like to give a donation please see Dave Smith, Brian or Peter.

### **LADIES FELLOWSHIP CLOSES**

It is with a sad heart that Audrey Batchelor has reported to us that due to dwindling numbers the final ladies fellowship meeting has taken place.

### **PRAYER GROUP**

Peter would like to try some new formats and different styles with the Prayer group. Different ideas were raised at the last Members meeting and Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm has been chosen as the inaugural meeting and it is hoped that future styles of the meeting and timings can be arranged at this meeting. It is stressed that you do not have to pray out loud and can be involved as little or as much as you like within the prayers.



### **BIG THANK YOU**

Sue Over says a big thank you to the Choir on her retirement for the lovely meal at The Corner House, the flowers and the very acceptable gift. Special thanks to those who arranged it.