

Dear Jesus, take my heart and hand,  
And grant me this I pray;  
That I through Your sweet love may grow  
More like You day by day. --Garrison.

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.

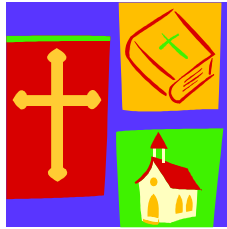
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## **ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**August and September 2012**

## SERVICES



Aug 5<sup>th</sup> AM – Sue Over  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup> PM – Ian Randle

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> AM – Roger Stone  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> PM – Terry Osborne

All other services during August and September  
Reverend Peter Norton



## COMMUNION

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

## Dates for the diary:

**Prayer meeting**  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm

**Harvest Festival**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11:00am and 6:00pm

**Flower Festival**  
**“Life”**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2:00 – 8:00pm  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10:00am – 6:30pm  
(Evening Concert and buffet Sat 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1:00 - 5:30pm

**Women of Action**  
**“Time Out and Reflection” Theme: This Is Your Life**  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
Ebenezer Church  
Oldbury, West Midlands  
Please see Sue O for more details.

**Worship Group Practices**  
September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

**HOME GROUP**  
12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm Peter and Sue  
26<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm David and Helen



## Happy Birthday

**From all of us to:**

**Belated George Randle's 90<sup>th</sup>**

**Stan 29<sup>th</sup> July**



## Anniversary Wishes

**1<sup>st</sup> August: Stan and Nicola's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

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## Harvest Festival



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Dried food and tinned goods will be collected and again displayed and then forwarded to Coventry Food Bank. Monies and donations will be shared between the church and the food Bank.

## Dear Friends,

Just heard about someone who went to the Next sale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July, it started at 5.00am!!!! They left the house at 4.30am and found that the queue was all the way round the building. I'm not sure I have that enthusiasm for new clothes, do you?

For some people their enthusiasm is directed in different directions, sport, holidays, vintage vehicles, car boot sales, the list is endless.

Some parents at this time will be talking enthusiastically about the achievements of their children with GCSE results and those who have got their Degrees.

Conversation about all these things will seem fairly normal to us since we talk freely about those things we are most involved with.

I have a great excuse to talk about faith since people expect me to when they know what I do for a living. I hope that I would be as forthcoming if I was not a minister of the church.

Folk are happy to share their life's experiences whether it be, how much ground they have cultivated in a day or how they climbed Mount Everest.

I have visited lots of people in hospital over the years and I can say that many of them in their time of need have made it clear that they are Christians. It is an important part of life which is natural to talk about, even enthuse over.

We are hearing about the impact the Olympics will have on our nation, there are many programmes and articles in the media all the time, so it becomes an item that is talked about, whether we like it or not.

I feel that as followers of Jesus we have a duty to let others know what we believe, not to push our faith down people's throats but to let them know where we stand.

In the Marks Gospel chapter 6 we read how Jesus sent his disciples out in twos to tell others about Jesus and the message of love and healing he brought.

Well the message has not changed and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can share the same information with the world around us.

It is not strange to be enthusiastic as you have realised by the conversations you have had with colleagues at work or friends in social situations. We are aloud to be enthusiastic about Jesus we have a message of life that transcends time, share it.

God bless you

Peter



## HOME GROUP

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

No meetings in August

September

12<sup>th</sup> Peter and Sue

26<sup>th</sup> David and Helen

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## WORSHIP GROUP PRACTICES

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

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## COMMUNION

There is vacancy on the rota for  
communion table preparation.

If anyone is interested or requires more information  
please speak to Stuart Porter. Thanks.

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## KITCHEN ROTA

Please sign up on the kitchen rota  
to help make drinks or wash up.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Thanks to all who have donated monies to this fund.  
As a result of Peter's sermon on generosity and giving on 1<sup>st</sup> July  
collections have increased.

Thanks from Anne L

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## PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

## FLOWER ROTA



<b>Aug</b>		
5th	Ernie	Over
12th	E. Swain	Eileen
19th	Jude Dunne.	Janet Almey
26th	Anne	Rita
<b>Sep</b>		
2nd	E. Taylor	Elsa
9th	E. Ashton	Evelyn
16th	Flower Festival	Harvest
23rd	Janice	Janice
30th	Sonia	Pat

The flower festival will run from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone interested in making a flower arrangement please see Rita or Pat.

Volunteers are also needed for stewarding the chapel whilst the chapel is open please see Rita or Brian for more information.

## Communion

There is vacancy on the rota for communion table preparation. If anyone is interested or requires more information please speak to Stuart Porter. Thanks.

## Thank you

Ernie says thank you to everyone for their kind wishes, cards and prayers during his time in hospital and afterwards.

God bless you all x

Ernie Over

## Bianca's travels

Beach Mission:

Falmouth 21st - 28th July

If you follow the link you will find more info about UBM.

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Spark in the Park: 6th - 10th August

Unfortunately Spark has been cancelled this year due to the recent wet weather as the grounds are water logged :-( We are all very sad to say this but we are hoping to use this time to make up for it next year :-)

## Helen F's travels:

Helen Fuertig is going on a mission trip to Romania with the Smiles Foundation on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. If anyone would like to know more of the Foundation and its work please see Helen. Thank you.



Summer Fayre 2012

