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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.



# ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**June – July 2013** 

# **SERVICES**



All services during June and July Reverend Peter Norton



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

### FLOWER ROTA



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Donor	Arranger
Mabel Manley	Pat
Jude	Jude
Helen	Helen
Evelyn	Evelyn
Joy Roberts	Pat
Percy	King
Val	Val
Jackie	Sewall
Rose &	Nicola
	Mabel Manley Jude Helen Evelyn Joy Roberts  Percy Val Jackie

## **Dates for the diary:**

### PRAISE PICNIC & WALK

Sat June 8<sup>th</sup>

Praise Picnic! Meet at Coombe Country Park with your own picnic at 1pm on Saturday 8 June. Join in a time of praise and worship in the open air then have a walk or just sit and chat.

Ring Sue O on 07792 177303 for more info or if the weather is doubtful on the day.

#### **MEMBERS MEETING**

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm in Jubilee Hall

#### SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10:00am - 2:00pm
Why not come and join us at our annual summer fayre?
There will be many assorted stalls, children's games and refreshments.
See you there and help us to make this another success!



# **Happy Birthday**



Welcome to your teenage years! To Caen

Love From mum and family. xx

### PRAYER MEETINGS

7:30pm – 8:30pm on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup>

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### **HOME and OVERSEAS MISSIONS**

Thank you to all who came to the quiz night and to all others who made donations. £180 was raised for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Anne Lively

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### **HOME GROUP**

Join us for Bible study and discussion, Meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30pm: June 5<sup>th</sup> Anne 22<sup>nd</sup> George & Doreen

> July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue & Ernie 17<sup>th</sup> David & Helen 31<sup>st</sup> Audrey Venues announced in church

No meetings in August

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### **WORSHIP GROUP PRACTICES**

7:30pm at the church June – 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July – None

### Dear Friends,

As I write this letter we have heard of the tornado that has hit in America with such devastating force. One thing I heard was the comment by someone as they came up out of their storm cellar, "the Lord gives and the Lord takes away" a quote from the book of Job.

I was amazed that this man should say this when everything that was his had been destroyed; as the camera recorded the scene total devastation was what met their gaze.

Now if we were to read the story of Job then we would see that not only did he lose everything he owned but all his family as well, everyone except his wife.

This is the full comment he made on hearing the devastating news:-Job 1: 20-22 (NIV)

'At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrong doing.'

Whilst we cannot think ourselves into the situations mentioned, we have all at some time or another faced hard things and reacted in a good way or a bad way. It is true that when people are faced with a disaster we often see the best in mankind.

Looking back over the difficulties or disasters in our life, how have we reacted?

Have these things brought out the best in us?

We all respond in different ways, as followers of God maybe we ought always to ask God for help before we speak, whether it is a good or a bad or difficult time for us. Those first words can define the rest of our response to life and the reaction we will get from others.

Like Job we must always include God in right from the beginning, and know there is help when we ask for it, try it and see.

God bless you all Peter

