

ALDERMAN'S GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

December 2013 – January 2014

Worship Group Practices:

December – 12th

January – 9th & 23rd

Home Group:

December – 4th & 18th

January – 15th & 29th

Prayer Meeting:

December – 11th

January – 8th

Flower rota:

Pat will be collecting names for next year
please see her to help next year.

Dates for the diary:

Saturday November 30th – Christmas Craft Fayre

Tuesday December 3rd – Church Members AGM at 7:00pm

Saturday December 14th – Decorating Church for Christmas

At 10:00am

December 19th, 20th & 21st – Pantomime

Saturday 22nd March 2014 **Wesleyan Reform Women of Action**

Spring Event Here at Alderman's Green. 'Come and meet the
Potter...'

A day of teaching, activity and fellowship with Jan Finch.



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

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SERVICES



Bible Sunday December 1st
(Sunday School Prize Giving)
11:00 am



December 22nd
Sunday School Christmas Service
11:00am
Carol Service 6:00pm



December 24th
Christingle 5:30pm



Family Christmas Service
Morning Only December 25th
Service starts at 9:30am

All services during December and January
Reverend Peter Norton

Dear friends,

Have you got a programme in place for the coming weeks? A time by which you must have things arranged and items bought in preparation for Christmas? At church there are different groups who have deadlines to which they are working before Christmas.

The Craft Group have been, and will continue to get ready, for their Christmas Craft Fair. The Sunday School are already practicing for their input into the service they will lead and take part in just before Christmas.

The young people have been rehearsing for the pantomime for some months now, the schedule has been quite full.

The Worship Group, after a short break, are back practicing so that they can teach us new songs and lead us in songs that they have already taught us.

The Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are no doubt thinking ahead to parties and disco's as will the local schools.

We have church business meeting at which we decide what we should be doing in and for our community of Aldermans Green and surrounding area.

Our Church Trustees have to look to the safety of the building and the security of those who come into the buildings in the future, a real responsibility.

All this and so much more goes on during the weeks at our church, but one thing that needs to be scheduled into our lives as a priority and backup to all this is prayer.

I can say that prayer is the most important thing to make time for as we at Alderman's Green get ready for the future, no matter what time of the year we are at.

An old hymn says this:-

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains
That reach The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters Heav'n with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

O Thou by Whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray.

We can learn a lot from such words on how we should schedule our lives.

God bless you, Peter