

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday March 10th 7:30pm **Church Members Meeting**
April 3rd **Good Friday Walk** 10:00am for a 10:30am start – from St Lawrence’s Old Church Road and finishing at St Chad’s Wood End.

Worship Group Practices: Thursday 7:30pm

February – 5th & 19th
March – 5th & 19th

Home Group: Wednesday 7:30pm

February – 11th & 25th
March – 11th & 25th

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 7:30pm

February – 4th
March – 4th



FLOWER ROTA

Feb	Donor	Arranger
1 st	A. Lively	Rita
8 th	Avril & Neal	Avril & Neal
15 th	Guides	L. Porter
22 nd		
Mar		
1 st	Audrey & Barry	Rita/Pat
8 th	Jean & Ron	Pat/Rita
15 th	Diane	Diane
22 nd	Pat & Val	Pat & Val
29 th	Rose	Pat



**ALDERMAN’S GREEN
FREE METHODIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

February – March 2015

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

NIV, Isaiah 58 v11

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Email enquiries to churchsec@ntlworld.com

SERVICES

also undertakes short wave radio broadcasts in a number of foreign countries where the people are eager to know more and more of God's love for them.

Our third line of support goes to overseas missions where there are both large and small projects looking for our help.

Last year we gave to –

Christian Aid - Philippines Relief £288.00

Coventry City Mission £68.00

Tear Fund £50.00

Tear Fund Coffee Morning £363.05

Radstock Ministries £50.00

The Smiles Foundation £50.00

Mission Aviation Foundation £50.00

Blythswood Care £100.00

The By All Means Gospel Trust £192.50

W R Home Missions £127.93

Just a gentle reminder that gifts for the work of the missions can be placed on the plate in the church vestibule, particularly following our services of Holy Communion, collected by ourselves over a period of time and then handed to us when the 'collecting box' is full, or handed to us at any time. We will accept the gifts in coin of the realm in any denomination, and cheques.

Together, we have the means and opportunity to bring change to the lives of those who are not as well blessed as we are.

Please consider prayerfully how you might support this important aspect of the Lord's work. We know that God will bless and multiply our gifts, given with love, to further his work. Together we can make a difference!

Audrey and Barrie

Home and Overseas Missions Secretaries



February 8th AM – Stephen Blyth

February 8th PM – Darren Burgess

All other services Reverend Peter Norton



COMMUNION

First Sunday of each month – Evening Service

Third Sunday of each month – Morning Service

Notice from Stuart

Barrie Parsons has kindly offered to collate all of the church notices for Sunday services. If you have any notices they need to be with Barrie by the preceding Friday. Barrie can be contacted by email at b.parsons777@btinternet.com or pass them on to me and I will ensure they are forwarded on. Notices will no longer be accepted on a Sunday. Many thanks

Stuart Porter (Secretary)

Dear Friends,

Have you ever gone up the stairs and when you have reached the top forgotten why you were going up there?
I think that it happens to us all, and it's not only to do with age!
Well why have I asked that question?
It's because in the rush of modern life we forget some important things about who we are and why we are here.

Just recently one of my cousins sent me a copy of his search of our family tree; I was interested to note something of a French connection way back. My mother had an interest in family trees and searched for some information going back a few generations.
For some this is a search for identity, discovering where we come from or to have a sense a history.

This is not a modern idea if you read the Bible you will find lots of lists tracing the line of individuals in different books.
At the beginning of Matthew's Gospel there is a family tree written down for us about Jesus. As a result we may trace Jesus back to King David and further to Abraham; the tradition of reciting your genealogy was an important thing in those days.

So, what if we have lost the connections with the past or the interest to look, we may not want to find out, happy to be one by ourselves.
One thing I would say about connections or family is that as Christians we are part of a family that numbers billions in the world today.
In his letter to the Galatians Chapter 3 verse 26-29 Paul helps us to remember whose family we belong to and whose children we are.

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you

belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

It's good to know we belong and are loved equally; don't forget that this belonging is the result of God's love expressed through all that Jesus did for us on the cross.

God bless you as you remember his love for you.

Peter



Home & Overseas Missions

*'Let us who have 'everything'
bring hope and joy to those who
have 'nothing'*

Our church is actively engaged in supporting both Home and Overseas Missions through our regular giving.
The work of the Wesleyan Reform Union Home Missions sets out to provide help for churches who are led to set up part-time or full-time ministries to spread the Word to help the churches grow, particularly in the initial stages of these ministries. We also support other UK based missions projects through our giving.
Our giving through the Wesleyan Reform Home Missions 'bricks' and regular donations helps to further this work. The aim is to empty your 'brick' in February and September so that the contents can be forwarded to the Wesleyan Reform Union to prosper the work.
We also support the By All Means Gospel Trust which distributes the Word, in booklet form, to both home and overseas recipients. The Trust