

Dates for the diary:

Walk of Witness Good Friday 10:00am for a 10:30am start.
Starting from St Lawrence's Old Church Road and finishing at St Chad's Wood End

Home Group: Wednesday 7:30pm

April – 8th & 22nd

May – 6th & 20th

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 7:30pm

April – 1st

May – 13th

Worship Group Practices: Thursday 7:30pm

April – 2nd, 16th & 30th

May – 14th & 28th



FLOWER ROTA

April	Donor	Arranger
5 th	June Guest	June
12 th	Audrey White	Rita
19 th		
26 th	Avril & Neil	Avril
May		
3 rd	Sue Over	Val
10 th	Mandy & Ken	Mandy
17 th	Jude	Jude
24 th	Lynne & Stewart	Lynne & Stewart
31 st	R. Woodward	Rita



ALDERMANS GREEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April – May 2015

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SERVICES



April 5th PM only - Sue Over

All other services during April and May
Reverend Peter Norton



COMMUNION

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

7:00pm Friday April 3rd Good Friday
9:00am Sunday April 5th Easter Sunday
6:00pm Sunday April 5th Easter Sunday

The pastor of the church, Edi Gjoni, has sent us an update on how the funds have been put to good use.

Over the Christmas period the church held four meetings for teens and three meetings for children and parents. Edi used the example of the Samaritan's Purse to bring to life the meaning of Christmas. Around one hundred people were present at each meeting and from the teen's meetings seventeen people gave their lives to Christ.

A group from the church visited one of the gypsy locations to give the Christmas message and every child at the location received a gift. Thirty food packages were distributed to families who were in desperate need of this life-line.

The culmination of the Christmas activities was a dinner for all the people in the church – tired and somewhat exhausted from their activities but with a feeling of great blessing.

Edi, in his update, has asked for prayers for those who have been to the church and that they will continue to attend and learn more of the love of Christ for them; for the new believers that they can be discipled in the ways of the Lord; for the continued growth of the church; for Edi and his family as they continue to serve the Lord in Albania.

Finally, Edi sends his thanks for the support he has received through the work of Radstock Ministries and that this might continue to further the Lord's work in his church and the wider church in Albania.

Last year we were able to send £50.00 to Radstock Ministries from our giving to the work of Home and Overseas Missions and from Edi's update we know that our gift is helping to make a difference.

'Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble.' Ps41:1

*Audrey and Barrie,
Home and Overseas Missions Secretaries*

prayers for the continued work for all the services and support it provides.

'There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up'

Update on our giving

'A man there was, though some did count him mad. The more he cast away, the more he had.' John Bunyan

The Home and Overseas Missions funds by mid-March 2015 were –

Home Missions £142.05

These funds to be forwarded to the Wesleyan Reform Home Missions department for use in furthering the Lord's work with churches embarking on employing a minister. The funds, amongst other things, will be used to set up and grow that new ministry.

By All Means Gospel Trust £30.00

This sum to be passed on to the Trust to help in the distribution of literature containing messages of hope and God's love for those in foreign lands where they are eager for this encouragement.

Overseas Missions £113.98

These gifts to be distributed to Christian charities which seek to grow the Lord's kingdom in foreign countries. The projects requiring financial support overseas is endless and our gifts go to help with these ventures.

Thank you for you for continued support.

'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'

Aesop

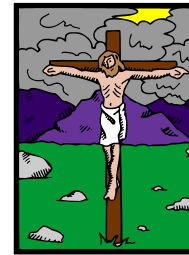
**Home & Overseas Missions –
Where we have helped**

'The charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others'

Through our giving to the work of the Home and Overseas Missions the Church of the Disciples of Jesus in Albania has received financial help from Radstock Ministries – a charity to which we have made a gift.



EASTER SERVICES



Good Friday Service

With communion

Friday April 3rd

7:00pm

Followed by hot cross buns



Easter Sunday April 5th

9:00am Communion

Followed by Easter Breakfast
(Sausage & Bacon Batches)

11:00am Morning Service

6:00pm Evening Service

With communion

Dear friends,

What with the eclipse, a super moon and those high tides, (not that the high tides had any effect on us in Coventry), it seems that we go from major event to major event and some folk want to see them all. People will travel hundreds even thousands of miles to be able to say I was there.

I'm not complaining about that since we in the church go from event to event in the Christian calendar wanting to celebrate the things that happened to Jesus during his life.

We may have celebrated Easter by the time you read this and already the organisation of a special event in the centre of Coventry for Pentecost is well under way, (do listen out for details in the near future).

I know that there are those who will say how the year flies by as we go from one special celebration to another but that's how it is.

From sad to happy, distress to delight, from feeling miserable to experiencing ecstasy, the memories remain and we can look back and re-live those special days.

Alternatively we may look forward to what is to come, which is why we have these special times in the Christian calendar.

I have heard people say that they don't like certain parts of the year because of the memories that are brought to mind, and still others who will be like Scrooge having a Bah Humbug sort of attitude.

Songs have been written about the seasons "Spring is in the air," "Summer time and the living is easy," "Snow is falling all around us," "Autumn leaves are falling" to name but a few.

I for one am glad that the Christian year is clearly stated and that it can be a way in which we can tell, or remind people about what God has done for them in the past.

We should never be ashamed of who we serve and why we celebrate these special times, let those in your friendship / family circles know why you believe and use the Christian calendar as a tool / visual aid to inform others of the reason for the seasons.

God bless you,

Peter

Thank you

Sue Over would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, prayers and support received during this time of the sad loss of her mum.

Sue, Ernie and family

Coventry City Mission Update

'Charity looks at the need and not the cause''

Through generous giving during our Christingle service in December (seems a long time ago now) we were able to pass on the Coventry City Mission the sum of £265.00, which has been put towards the costs of the Mission Foodbank. The staff at the Mission send their thanks and appreciation.

Several hundred tins of food go out from the Mission every week to feed families in need. On average the Mission makes up thirty parcels a week for over one hundred adults and children. There is a box in the church vestibule for this life-line if you would like to make a donation.

In February the Mission began two new initiatives with Moat House Primary School. The first is that the Mission Children's Worker is running a weekly after-school group for infant school pupils, which is proving very popular. The second initiative is the Lunch Club.

In March the Mission launched their Uniform Bank which took them into partnership with several local schools who refer families to the Mission where they are finding it difficult to meet the cost of providing uniform for their growing children. The families have access to the uniform bank for the clothes.

If you have any school uniforms which are no longer needed by your children and would like to donate them (the uniforms) to the Uniform Bank then please place them in the box in our vestibule. All the Mission asks is that garments have been washed please. Any colour uniform will be accepted, with or without school identifiers.

The Mission also provides vital services through Eldercare and Crossline for the elderly and lonely, and seeks our prayers for the continued work for all the services and