



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope"  
Romans 15:13

Requests for Prayer can be made  
EITHER:

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Jude 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**

**December 2015,  
January and February 2016**





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

### **Dates for the diary:**

#### **Worship Group Practices:**

December – 10<sup>th</sup>  
January – 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>  
February – 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Home Group:**

December – 16<sup>th</sup>  
January – 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
February – 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Prayer Meeting:**

December – 9<sup>th</sup>  
January – 6<sup>th</sup>  
February – 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Craft Club:**

Every Friday at 10:00am except Christmas Day & New Year's Day

#### **Other:**

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Church Members AGM @ 7:00pm  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Combined Christmas Choir Presentation  
Gabriel's Story - seasonal words and music followed by coffee and cakes

Dear friends,

I wonder if you have noticed that some things become traditions very quickly for instance the introduction of Black Friday brought to us from America. How the commercialisation of nearly every season of the year from Easter to Mother's and Father's days, it seems you can buy a card for any occasion.

The process makes us ask the question, what shall we do next? or what is the next celebration we have to get ready for?

Your diary can be filled, as soon as you get it, with the next big thing to enjoy. For us just now we will be thinking about Christmas but there will be those planning their New Year celebrations already, others will be booking their summer holidays having already sorted their Easter breaks, followed by an autumn trip just to top up the tan!

I know that it can seem good and organised to plan ahead, but there are those who plan to do things at the last minute. There are companies that have set up just to do last minute bookings, many adverts come up offering special rates because they want their holiday venues full. As I have said before it is not a bad thing to think about what we are going to do next, it is true in every walk of life there needs to be some planning.

I would say that it is also good to pray **before** we do or organise things, in a way we are involving the one who created us and it seems to me a sensible action to take. After all we insure ourselves when we holiday, so the best insurance is to request God's guidance in all we do. So rather than just asking what are we going to do next? Maybe we should ask God what He wants us to do? Where He wants us to go? Things might not change much, however we may find ourselves on a new adventure in life going where we can be blessed and be a blessing to others.

God bless you this Christmas and on into the New Year,  
Peter

### **WOW!!!**

What do you think of the new carpet in the Sunday School? But have you seen the 3 new rooves at the rear of the church? Don't you think the organ sounds different?

Comments that have been heard about the work which has been professionally undertaken.

Our thoughts and thanks however should be for those who continually check our premises, raise additional funding and that small group which have over the last few months prepared the areas to be worked on, removed rubbish (vast amounts), redecorated, widened the car park entrance, updated the church sound system, started on the new lighting and assisting with some work still to be completed, not forgetting preparing the bacon butties for the workers.

Apart from these one off tasks we thank those who prepare teas and coffees, do visitations, phone members and most of all pray for those in need.

[What a family we have here at Alderman's Green.](#)

Thank you for all who undertake work and help here, and personal thanks from our family for your thoughts and prayers over the last weeks.

**Janice and Brian.**

## Home and Overseas Missions Update

*"It's not how much we give but how much we  
put into the giving"*

*Mother Teresa*

Through our giving to the work of the Home and Overseas Missions this year we have been able to make the following gifts –

*Home and Overseas Missions within the Wesleyan Reform Union  
£140.00 in April and £190.00 in October*

*Through Tear Fund for the support of the people of Vanuatu in the wake of the  
recent disaster to befall the tiny country £165.00*

*Through the Open Doors Ministry, the request for financial aid to support the work of the  
persecuted Christians - £140.00*

*Through the INF in support of the request for funds to aid the relief work for the people of  
Nepal who have suffered two devastating earthquakes - £255.00*

*For the 99 to 1 appeal for a replacement minibus in India - £50.00. This is the Charity which  
Ian and Greta Randle support.*

*For the Latin Link Organisation which supports the persecuted Christians in Iraq - £50.00*

*For the Coventry Cyrenians who provide Christmas Day lunch for the homeless, lonely and  
vulnerable - £50.00*

*The total donations through the generous gifts over the year amounts to £1030.00*

*"There is not a man of us who does not at times need a helping hand to be stretched out  
to him, and then shame upon him who will not stretch out the helping hand to his  
brother." — Theodore Roosevelt*

*Audrey and Barrie Home and Overseas Missions Secretaries*

### *Gabriel's Story*

*A short seasonal presentation*

*in words and music by the*

*Choir for Christmas*

*at Alderman's Green Free Methodist*

*Sunday 13 December at 6pm*

*Followed by Coffee and Cakes*

*Everyone welcome! Bring your friends*



## SERVICES

**Bible Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
(Sunday School Prize Giving)  
11:00 am

**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
6pm Combined Christmas Choir  
Gabriel's Message

**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Young People's Christmas  
Programme 11:00am

Carol Service 6:00pm

**Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Christingle 5:30pm

Family Christmas Service  
**Morning Only December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Service starts at 9:30am



**Services:**

January 31<sup>st</sup> AM – Paul Whitehead

January 31<sup>st</sup> PM – John Vale

All other services during December, January and February  
Reverend Peter Norton