

FLOWER ROTA

May	Donor	Arranger
1 st	Sue Over	Val
8 th	Doreen Randle	Rita
13 th , 14 th , 15 th	FLOWER FESTIVAL	Ladies and Gentlemen:
22 nd	Lynne & Stuart	Lynne Stuart
29 th		
June		
5 th	Janice & Brian	Pat
12 th	Avril	Avril



Isaiah 40.29

**He gives strength to the weary and
increases the power of the weak**

Requests for Prayer can be made
EITHER:

by email - prayer@aldermansgreenchurch.org.uk
or by phone - Mary 07984 407917 or Peter 07549 677822

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

May – June 2016

Dates for the diary:

Choir & Worship Group Practices:

Date	Practice	Start Time	Finish Time
May 2016			
Thursday 5th May 2016	Choir	7:30pm	9:00pm
Thursday 12th May 2016	Choir	7:30pm	9:00pm
Thursday 12th May 2016	Worship Group	9:00pm	9:30pm
Thursday 26th May 2016	Worship Group	7:30pm	8:30pm
June 2016			
Thursday 23rd June 2016	Worship Group	7:30pm	8:30pm

Home Group:

May – 4th, 18th

June – 1st, 15th, 29th

Prayer Meeting:

May – 11th

June – 8th

Craft Club:

Every Friday at 10:00am except Friday 13th May

Other:

Flower Festival – 13th to 15th May

WRU Conference – 13th to 15th June – At The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Ministerial Update Meeting – Monday 23rd May at 7:00pm

Members Meeting – Tues 14th June at 7:30pm in Jubilee Hall

Peter's Retirement Party – Saturday 25th June 2:00pm to 6:00pm (Buffet at 3:00pm)

Summer Fayre – Saturday 2nd July 10:00am - 2:00pm



SERVICES

Sunday 15th May PM – The Combined Choir presents

'ROCK' The Story of Simon Peter

Sunday 29th May AM – Tony Finch

All other services during May and June
Reverend Peter Norton



COMMUNION

First Sunday of each month – Evening Service

Third Sunday of each month – Morning Service



Congratulation Tobias on your Dedication Day



Val is looking for new volunteers to train up for the tea and coffee duties after services.

Please speak to her if you are interested.

Dear Friends,

Do you keep things that have no value in the monetary sense but hold a special memory for you?

Do you keep things that represent a time in your life when something great or difficult happened?

I have seen in the news those pictures of disaster areas when everything a person owns is either washed away or blown up or burnt in a fire; all their precious things destroyed. Along with them you feel the sense of loss and wonder of how you would cope with such loss, such devastation.

Some of you may have experienced something of this during your lives when precious things are destroyed or lost.

There are always those who seek to profit from the loss of others, I have watched as people with metal detectors go across a beach searching for the things others have lost in the sand, finding coins and rings and of-course bottle tops!

I had an uncle, who when he was young, found a half sovereign underneath a bench near the harbour of a fishing port; this was one of those stories that encouraged us kids to look around carefully, just in case.

Jesus told stories about things that were lost and then found and the rejoicing afterwards when the item was found, he related this to the joy in heaven over a lost sinner being restored, (found).

In Philippians Chapter 3 Paul had been saying that if anyone had reason to boast about their position and qualifications he had more reasons than most. He went on to put things in perspective for the follower of Jesus, let me quote verses 7 & 8 to you.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.

It is hard to let go of things but if we have Christ who is more than we could ever want, then everything else takes its place down the line, full satisfaction found in Him. We all need to get closer to God so that we may be sure of our place in eternity, something worth finding.

God bless you, Peter.



Home and Overseas Missions Update

'Be the change you want to see in the world'
Mahatma Gandhi

We have been able to send the sum of **£100.00** to the Home Missions Group within the Wesleyan Reform Union. The WRU Home Missions gifts are used to fund new church plants and assist new ministries in the churches of the Union, furthering God's work in our homeland.

We have also been able to send a gift of **£50.00** to the By All Means Gospel Trust. The Trust seeks to spread God's Word in many countries by all kinds of publications in many languages. The Trust also provides a number of radio broadcasts to people who are unable to read but are hungry for God's Word in their lives.

The third group we have been able to help is Global Ministries, based in Coventry, with a donation of **£50.00**. The organisation helps vulnerable children.

Our Coffee and Cake morning raised **£430.00** for the work of Tear Fund. The two projects we supported were the provision of toilets in the more remote areas of the world and the prevention of child trafficking into prostitution and slave labour.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of the Home and Overseas Missions. We are able to accept gifts for this work at any time. You may hand your gift to us or simply place it on the plate in the vestibule.

'Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance'
St Francis of Assisi

Audrey and Barrie – Home and Overseas Missions Secretaries