## Alderman's Green Free Methodist Church



### Women's Bible Study



Fridays 10 & 24 May Fridays 7 & 21 June 9:30-10:30am in the Choir Vestry Please note change to earlier time

### Communion

Sunday 5 May at 6pm Sunday 19 May at 11am Sunday 2 June at 6pm Sunday 16 June at 11am

## Flower Rota

| Мау  | Donor           | Arranger |
|------|-----------------|----------|
| 5    | Sue Over        |          |
| 12   | Margaret &David |          |
| 19   | Ron Woodward    | Rita/Pat |
| 26   | Lynne & Stuart  | Lynne    |
| June |                 |          |
| 2    | Joyce West      | Pat      |
| 9    | June Guest      | June     |
| 16   | Helen Lee       | Helen    |
| 23   | Jackie Sewell   | Pat/Rita |
| 30   |                 |          |



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# May – June 2019

No matter where we have come from or where we may have

grown up, each of us has some idea of what it is to dream. Not the dreams we have in the early hours of the morning when we are asleep, but dreams of a life we wish to aspire to, or a goal that we desire to attain. However, many of us never see our dreams come to pass, or our ambition met, or our goals fulfilled. For some of us, due to no fault of our own we come to a place of difficulty where we lose our way or were despair gives way to hopelessness and we grow discouraged and depressed. For a believer it may be that God seems far from you or dare I say, appears to have abandoned you leading to you taking your eyes off Him. The writer of Psalm 42 clearly was going through their own dark time. Yet, instead of lamenting his present state, he turned his attention towards God. Addressing himself, he questions his despair and then tells his soul to "hope in God" in v 5. Then he addresses God about his condition before repeating the same phrase in v 11 "hope in God". Hope in God is not based on feelings that change or on circumstances that shift, but on the character of God and the promises contained in His word. Our feelings may come and go, and the world may shift its opinions, but God and His word is unchanging. Hope in the bible is not throwing caution to the wind and hoping for the best, but something that is sure and immovable and is an anchor to the soul, an anchor that is grounded in eternity and is based upon the promises God has spoken in His word to those who believe. Whatever we may be going through, despite what we are feeling we, like the psalmist need to put our hope not in ourselves but in God.

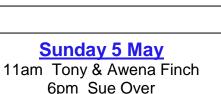
- Rev David Bracken



We now have a great new kitchen thanks to the funds raised by the hard-working Craft Club. Thanks, ladies!

# **Dates for your diary**

Messy Church Planning Meeting Tuesday 7 May at 7:30pm At Jenny and Jamie's



### Sunday 2 June

11am Maurice Markham 6pm Steve & Lisa Macbeth All other services Rev David Bracken



Making Choices <u>Thursday 6 June 3:30 – 5:45pm</u> TBA on Holy Spirit

#### **Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays 8 & 22 May Wednesdays 5 & 19 June 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Choir Vestry



### Home Group

Wednesdays 1, 15 & 29 May Wednesdays 12 & 26 June 7:30pm at venues announced on Sundays

### **Worship Group Practice**

Thursdays 9 & 23 May Thursdays 6 & 20 June (last before summer break) 7:30 – 8:30pm in Church





Craft Club

Every Friday 10am – 12 noon in the Jubilee Hall

