

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH Markfield



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February 2020

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*If you should hear of anyone who is ill, in hospital or had a family bereavement
please contact the Pastoral Secretary or Minister on the numbers above*

Service Details for February

2nd February

Stewards — Iris Bown & Ian Lay
9:45am Focused Prayer Fellowship
10:30am Morning Communion – Rev Steve Clark (WL) Sandra Andrews
6:00pm Taizé Service

9th February

Stewards — Hazel Brewer & Roderick Lay
10:30am Morning Worship – Miss Joyce Patti (WL) Ian Lay
4:00pm No Evening Service

16th February

Stewards – Linda & William Walmsley
10:30am United Service @ St Michael’s & All Angels Church
6:00pm Evening Communion — Rev Judith Lincoln

23rd February

Stewards – Hilda & David Poole
10:30am Morning Worship – Local Arrangement (WL) Sandra Andrews
6:00pm No Evening Service

ROTAS		Door Stewards	Organist	Flowers	Cleaning
2 nd	AM	Zoe Tur-Ribas	David Woodward	Vacant	Cleaning Done Fortnightly
	PM	Ann Lay	No Organist		
9 th	AM	Iris Bown	David Woodward	Kim Tubby Wendy Billing	Linda & William Walmsley Iris Bown
	PM	No Afternoon/Evening Service			
16 th	AM	United Service @ St Micheals Church		Vacant	Cleaning Done Fortnightly
	PM	Ann Lay	Rebecca Goldring		
23 rd	AM	Jenny Marsay	Malcolm Goldring	Rona Church-Jones	Jenny Marsay Roderick Lay
		No Evening Service			

Ministers Letter



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Dates for your Diary



Sparklers

Contacts — Linda ☎ 242607 or Iris ☎ 243428

Every Monday at 3:15pm to 4:15pm – Term Time Only
For Children from Birth to Reception Age & Parents/Carers



Church Club

Contact — Ann Lay ☎ (01530) 242166

Every Monday at 3:15pm to 4:30pm – Term Time Only
For Children at Mercenfeld School



Home Fellowship

Contact — Ian Lay ☎ (01530) 242166 for Details/Lifts

Normally 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 5:30pm to 6:45pm
Tuesday 11th & 25th February at Thornton (Cynthia/Denis Home)



Music Café

Contact — Linda Walmsley ☎ (01530) 242607

Thursday 13th & 27th February at 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Everyone Welcome for a Good Sing, Chat and Tea/Coffee

PROPERTY MEETING

The next meeting is on Wednesday February 12th at 7.p.m. in the school-room.
Hoping all members are available. *William Walmsley*

Birthday Club Events and Recital Events

As many of you know I have been taking photos of the events throughout this year and will be producing a booklet of all event photos at the end of the year.

If anyone has any photos of the Birthday Club Events or the many Musical Recitals that we've had this year, that you are willing to share these with the rest of the church fellowship please let me have copies. Digital copies are preferred, but I can work from negatives or prints.

Sandra Andrews

Ministers Letter

Dear friends,

A dictionary definition of a habit is: 'a settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up.' Of course, there are some habits which are good for us and other habits which can adversely affect our lives. In the third chapter of his letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the change which is to take place in a person's life when they become a disciple of Jesus. He uses the illustration of taking off old clothes, belonging to the old way of life, and putting on new clothes which are appropriate for the life of following Jesus. Perhaps we could say that this is akin to breaking old negative habits, and creating new positive habits. Paul writes, '*as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience*' (Colossians 3.12). As followers of Jesus, as the Holy Spirit continues his work within us, character traits like those highlighted by Paul should become more evident in our daily lives.

John Wesley talked about five 'means of grace' which, when they become positive habits in our lives, can help us to grow in the things of God. The five aspects which Wesley highlighted are: 1. Prayer; 2. Searching Scripture; 3. Receiving the Lord's Supper; 4. Fasting (abstinence); 5. Fellowship with other believers. Wesley's contention was that when each of these elements become regular habits in our lives, they help us develop as disciples and grow in our relationship with God and with one another. This in turn will help us to become more effective and fruitful in our lives of discipleship. In other words, we should be seeking to develop these five aspects of the life of a disciple as positive habits in our lives. Now might be a good time to take stock and consider how we are doing in each of the five areas.

Unless we are seeking to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus, both individually and collectively, then we are neglecting something vital! One of the ways in which we grow as disciples of Jesus is to develop healthy spiritual habits, including those highlighted by Wesley. On the other hand, we also need to consider whether there are some aspects of our lives which have become habits which are adversely affecting our spiritual growth. With God's help, they need to be dealt with. Let's all seek to make the year 2020 one in which we work on creating healthy habits and ditching unhealthy ones.

With love.

Steve

CHRISTMAS DAY ALONE 2019

Everyone who attended Christmas day for those alone in Anstey and surrounding villages had a great day, volunteers and guests alike. We catered for 89 people! All guests had a lovely 5 course Christmas dinner, a present each and a goody bag with lots of yummy treats.

We enjoyed great entertainment with Nigel on his squeeze box doing a Christmas sing along and of course several games of BINGO!!



We would like to thank all the volunteers who came forward to help both prior to the day and on the day whether that be the initial planning, securing funds, setting up the room, wrapping presents, putting up posters, providing transport, hosting a table, and last but so very much not least all those involved in the catering. The meal was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and catering for 89 is not an easy task!

A very grateful thanks to the companies etc.. who support us – to Next for again donating all the lovely presents for everyone, Nationwide in Anstey who's lovely staff co-ordinated collecting chocolate oranges, others goodies and cash from the lovely folk of the villages who donated, Anstey Parish Council, Anstey Chippy, Britvic, Charnwood Brewery, Councillor Baines, Everards Brewery, Forget me knot, S J Langton Butchers in Glenfield, , Roy Green surveyors, Sainsburys local in LFE, Morrisons, Pladis (Jacobs) Wigston, Midlands CO-OP, Tesco, QD bargains, Whitfields , Yorkshire Tea.

Many thanks to all who have donated money and goods themselves, my friends, work colleagues and local people who donate what they can, everything helps small or large and all donations have helped make the day very special.

Thanks also to St Marys Church, Anstey for the use of the room again, without which this couldn't go ahead so thanks very much once again.

Thanks for reading and a happy New Year.

Kerry Sharpe

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Friday 6 March 2020
at 7.00pm

Piano Recital

by

Tanya Avchinnikova



Music by Schubert, Beethoven, Shostakovich, Liszt and Medtner

Tickets: £12 (under-16s £6)

Please see our website for information about Tanya
and details of how to purchase tickets

www.markfieldmethodistchurch.org

or contact Kerry on 07979 607099

God in Love Unites Us – The Marriage and Relationships Report

The 2019 Methodist Conference received a report on the subject of Marriage and Relationships, titled 'God in Love Unites Us.' This was a wide-ranging report which looked at many aspects of the theme of marriage and relationships. A number of recommendations were contained within the report, which could, if implemented, entail significant changes to traditional ways in which the Methodist Church has viewed marriage and other relationships. Methodist Conference expressed the desire that widespread consultation should take place, leading to a final decision to be taken at this year's Conference in June. A Circuit Consultation took place last October. A District Consultation, to which you are invited, is due to take place on Saturday 8 February in the Leicester Trinity Circuit (further details in due course). We also have an opportunity to discuss our response as a local church to the report. This will take place in church on Wednesday 26 February at 7.30pm. We have a few copies of the Report itself available and also a number of copies of the study guide (the report is also available online – just type "God in Love United us" into Google and a link will appear). For further information, please speak to Steve.

TRAMP SUPPER & CHANNEL ISLAND CRICKET

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL AT 7 p.m.

You are invited to an evening of all-age fun.

Those who went to Willersley Castle can testify to the enjoyment of a game of cricket which doesn't involve a bat or ball and is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Dressing up is not obligatory but there will be a prize for the best-dressed tramp.

We will also have a supper.

*Tickets costing £5 will be available next month
& proceeds are for*

WORLD MISSIONS

Music in our Chapel

Thank you to all those who supported our piano recital on **1 November**. **Renata** was simply outstanding and her standing ovation at the end confirmed that! All the tickets were sold about three weeks beforehand – the word had clearly spread that this was something worth coming to.

As a result, we have been able to contribute over £700 to church funds.

Looking ahead, our next piano recital is on **Friday 6 March 2020** when we will welcome back **Tanya Avchinnikova** from Russia – she played here earlier this year.

On **Friday 1 May**, the brilliant saxophonist **Alistair Parnell** will be back, following the tumultuous reception he received in May.

On **4 September**, we will present a **recital for cello and piano** by **John Parsons and Beate Toyka**;

I heard them play in Buxton earlier this year: we are in for a treat!

Full details can be found on our website:
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CHAPLAINS! – POLICE, PRISON, FIRE AND OTHERS!

Come and meet some chaplains and get to know what they do, why they do it, a bit about their life etc....

Our Churches together Lent course this year will be on Wednesdays March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st all at 7.30 at the Methodist Church (Main Street, opposite the Green), EXCEPT the 18th March which will be in the Congregational Church (white building opposite the scout hut on Main Street)

Each week a chaplain working in different areas will be speaking/doing a presentation for around 40 mins and will then accept questions.

There is no charge, light refreshments will be provided.
Come along to 1, a few or all of the talks!

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items for the Next Newsletter are required before Sunday 16th February.

Many Thanks.

Sandra Andrews