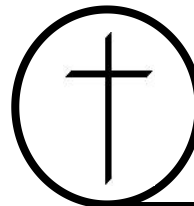


Womens World Day of Prayer March 2nd 2pm at Ashcroft

Please do come along and support this event -ladies **and gentlemen**- or get involved ! The music and songs are beautiful, the service is relevant and vibrant and we are the hosts this year. For further information please talk to Anne Mort



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NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING

Sunday 28th January 2018

We welcome everyone to our services today, especially any visitors, and invite you to stay for coffee after the morning service. If you are new to the area and would care to leave us your name and address please speak to one of the stewards after the service. All children 3+ are welcome at SPARK

Thought for the week

*Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier
.—Mother Teresa*

SERVICES TODAY

10.30am Morning Worship Rev. Phil Summers

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 am Morning Worship.....Rev. James Taylor
Followed by meeting and bring and share lunch

Lead Steward today:..... Avril Rodger 654055
Next Sunday:.....Mike Dearsley 01793 750993

**Production of notices next week: Anna Colledge Tel: 654309
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WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesday	10.00 am	Squeals on Wheels
	2.15 pm	Table Tennis
	7.45 pm	Ashcroft Ladies – Barnwood Trust
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Women's Fellowship – Bill Irvin
Thursday	10.00 am	Craft Group
Friday	9.45am	Discipleship group - South Cerney
	10.00 am	Coffee for All / Language Café
	6.30 pm	ARK

Dates for your Diary – meetings & events

February 4 th	Congregational meeting and <u>bring and share lunch</u>
March 2 nd	Womens' World Day of Prayer
March 5 th	Pastoral Committee meeting 10am
March 29 th	Maundy Thursday service 5pm

4th February: Congregational Meeting and Shared Lunch

Come and share your spiritual food: about worship, your ideas for growing in faith

And your earthly food: Sweet or savoury dishes and enjoy a time of discussion and fellowship.

Timetable as follows:

11.30 Worship concludes - time to fetch tea and/or coffee

11.30 Swing or Sing: Pray or Praise: - discussion time

12.30 Food and fellowship

ALL WELCOME

Please sign up in the foyer if you are intending to come and also please note this is a bring and share lunch so please could you indicate what you are hoping to bring on the list – thank you

It is with sadness that the death of Rev Ian Young is announced. The Thanksgiving Service will be held at Long Hanborough Methodist Church (OX29 8JY) on Tuesday January 30th at 12.30pm. Chris Watson will be attending and is happy to offer transport to any others wishing to go along.

Stairlift Key

The power key for the stairlift is missing from the key box in the vestry. If you know of its whereabouts please return it ASP. It is thought that a user group may have unofficially used the stair lift during the last few weeks. If any body knows anything about this please let me know.

The stairlift is available for use by any church or user group but is a Health and Safety requirement the operators are trained in its use.

The following are trained operators Joyce Miller, Lis Thomas, Chris Whitaker, Anne Mort, Steve Colledge, Anna Colledge, Mike Dearsley, Andy Rickell, Jane Bennett. If you know of a group who wish to use the lift please contact Skip Mort.

Lucy Diamond would be grateful for sponsorship for her sister who is running in the London Marathon to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. Please sign the sponsor form in the foyer or see Lucy.

Layworker As announced by James last week the advertisement for a proposed layworker based at this church has now been circulated and the plan is for interviews to take place in early February. This post has been created to hopefully bring to fruition 5 main tasks which are as follows:-

Sunday@4for ALL: an informal drop-in, cafe style gathering for adults teenagers and children

Back to Work Club: to help Andy Rickell extend and build on the work he has started.

A drop-in coffee shop: to operate over weekday lunchtimes for the user groups and others

Provide support for older people: possibly through a lunch club and other activities

Ashcroft Sports and Games Club: for young people with support also for their families

This is clearly a challenging programme so our prayers, support and encouragement for the person(s) appointed will be crucial.

Ros Burnip - Chair of Trustees

Pastoral Care Training Session: Saturday 3 February, 10am – 12noon

Lonsdale Road Methodist Church, Gloucester

Revd Diane Daymond will be leading a session on pastoral care and visiting. As well as being able to draw upon her own extensive experience in ministry, the Revd Diane was a lead member of the team that offered the Wesley College Bristol Pastoral Carers' Course for a number of years across the connexion. Ros Burnip did this course and it was excellent.

There will be another session on 24th February at Dursley if you cannot make this one. If you plan to attend either day please contact Russell Buley on either telephone 01242 244036 or email russell.buley@btinternet.com.

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