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Welcome to Worship at Fellside Church Sunday 14th April 2024

Worship Services	
Sunday April 14th:	11am Rev Trevor (with Communion) 6.15pm Rev Ann Varker
Sunday April 21st:	11am Amy Milburn
Sunday April 28th:	11am Rev Janet Capstick 6.15pm - Rev Trevor with Communion
Sunday May 5th:	11am - Local Worship

Circuit wide phone -in services

The regular Circuit wide phone -in services at **10.30am & 6pm** are continuing. Please contact Trevor (see contact details above) if you would like further help in accessing these services.

JOAN CAISLEY

We are sad to report that Joan died late on Wednesday evening, peacefully at home. She celebrated her 95th birthday in January. We give thanks for her Christian faith and friendship to many, both at Fellside and at Burnopfield.

We keep her daughter Carol and all the family in our prayers.

No date has yet been arranged for her funeral service, but it will be held here at Fellside - details later.

Monday Prayer Group

...next meets on April 22nd and May 13th

Wednesday Coffee Morning

We continue to meet every Wednesday Morning from **10am** - join us for free coffee, tea and biscuits. We are a friendly bunch and everyone is welcome.

SHARE

SHARE community charity coffee morning was a great success in March - we raised over £220 towards Kara World Challenge adventure.

Our next SHARE coffee morning will be **Saturday 27th April from 10am**. The money raised will go to ongoing improvements in our Church building.

We are looking for people to help set up from 9am, prayer for our event, cakes, scones, and help with serving and washing up. Many thanks Avril

Invitation Service - Pentecost Sunday May 19th

We thought it would be a good time to invite our families and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of the church. On the plan it is designated as a communion service but it has been decided that as we are inviting people who may not come to church to join us communion at this service wouldn't be appropriate. Communion will be offered in the evening service on the 28th May and everyone is welcome.

Bible Society's course on the book of Romans

Fellside Church will be hosting the Bible Society's ten-week course on the book of Romans beginning in February. We will be opening this opportunity to learn from scripture together to our friends in Christ across the circuit. The course, which is video based, will take place in church on **Sunday afternoons at 4 pm**. Each session will last a little over an hour. The next 5 session dates are: **14, 21, 28 April and 5 May**

Even if you can make just one or two of these dates, there will be still be something to learn. Please let Simon, Kay or Claire know if you would like to attend, so that we can put out the right numbers of chairs and tea cups!

General Church Meeting Sunday April 28th

Our annual meeting will start about **12.15pm** after the morning worship concludes. At this meeting we appoint church stewards and representatives from the GCM onto the Church Council.

Nomination forms are now available - nominees must be full church members and need a proposer and seconder.

Anyone connected to our church is welcome to attend the meeting and contribute thoughts and ideas.

David Stanley Blinds & Shutters

Recently we hired local blinds, curtain and shutter specialists, David Stanley Blinds & Shutters, to supply and install a commercial-quality curtain track to the ceiling for our curtains in the church hall. Our curtains are now fully and safely supported and glide smoothly, efficiently and reliably. A really professional job. If you need any new blinds, shutters or curtains please visit their website

<https://www.davidstanleyblinds.co.uk/> or call 0800 644 44 42.

Treasurer and Property matters

Sue Spencer our hard-working treasurer, has made the decision to step from her role as Treasurer from May 2024. Our thanks go to Sue for her outstanding service. The role of Treasurer is important role within the leadership team. It is a role that Fellside church must fill to be able to function. It has become apparent that we need more than one volunteer to cover all the areas that Sue has been covering. Ideally, the leadership team hope that a number of people would be able to cover some of the areas listed below:

- 1) Treasurer
- 2) Property/Maintenance
- 3) Looking after commercial lettings
- 4) Looking after Charity lettings
- 5) Issuing and recording key holders
- 6) Gift aid secretary

If you feel that there is an area you might be able to contribute to please talk to a member of the leadership team or Rev Trevor Capstick

Knitting Challenge

Our knitting challenge is beginning early - we are knitting Christmas trees to give out to our community in December 2024. (I know it is only February) The pattern is available in Church or on our What's App page. Please place your finished trees in the box in the Vestry. Many thanks, Leadership team

PRAYER FOCUS

The latest Methodist Recorder (April 12th) has reminded readers that it is 10 years ago this weekend that 276 girls were abducted from their school in the north-eastern Nigerian town of Chibok by the militant Islamist group Boko Haram. Some managed to escape almost immediately and around 100 were freed in exchange for Boko Haram militants in a deal brokered by the Red Cross. Ten years later 91 remain missing. Just last month, a criminal gang kidnapped 287 pupils at a government school in Kuriga in northern Nigeria. Well over 100 children have yet to be found or released.

More widely, several South American countries continue to be plagued by the kidnapping of civilians. Many thousands of Ukrainian children have been taken to Russia against the will of their parents; we are well aware of the kidnapping of Israeli hostages by Hamas last October, while in Haiti after a record number of abductions in 2023, among those kidnapped this year have been journalists and nuns.

In almost every case, says the Recorder comment column, the context of this criminal behaviour is a state driven by civil war or one unable to govern effectively and peacefully throughout its territory. When law breaks down, then civilians - and perhaps especially women and children - are all too vulnerable to be taken as hostages or bargaining chips in the conflicts between governments and rebel groups

Let us pray for these troubled places, that peace with justice will finally prevail. Let us be reminded of the importance of peaceful democracies for human wellbeing and flourishing.

Prayer Chain

This Ministry still continues with five people participating -

Joyce Johnson, Joy Chambers, Kay Zwolinska, Janet Stephenson and Rev Trevor Capstick.

If you have a prayer need, please contact Joy on 07969 413335 or speak to anyone else on the team

UKRAINE

Thank you for those who have already donated to The Methodist Church/All We Can for the Ukraine crisis. Please place your offering in the marked plate for the morning service, or in the general collection in an envelope marked Ukraine at other services. Or <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine> Thank you

Items for Refugees

Ian Ramsay has made several deliveries to Whitehall Road and has built up a good relationship with the people there. They are looking for: clothes, children's toys, house hold and small electrical items, plates, cutlery and any donations of food.

If you are able to donate any of the above items they can be brought to the church or Ian can pick up. Items are dropped off at Whitehall Road every 2 to 3 weeks. You can contact Ian on 07714241959

Fellside Church - Social Media

We have a presence on Facebook - Fellside Church and Twitter - @fellsideweb. Our website is also updated every week - it contains our newsletter, preaching plan, service details and more information about what is on at Fellside Church - fellside.co.uk.

We also have two Whats app groups - an information one and one asking for Prayers - if you would like to join Whats App and our groups speak to our leadership team and we can help you.

Newsletter - The next newsletter will be Sunday April 28th. If you would like anything included in the newsletter, please email fellsidenotices@btinternet.com by **9pm on the Friday** before publication at the very latest. Thanks.