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Welcome to Worship at Fellside Church Sunday 31st March 2024

Worship Services

Easter Sunday March 31st: 11am Kay Zwolinska
6.15pm Rev Trevor (with Communion)

Sunday April 7th: 11am Local Worship

Sunday April 14th: 11am Rev Trevor (with Communion)
6.15pm Rev Ann Varker

Sunday April 21st: 11am Amy Milburn

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.

Bouncy Church

Our next Bouncy Church is on **April 6th, 4-5.30pm**. Please spread the word in the community. What happens at Bouncy Church? A huge castle for the children to bounce on is available at 4, along with food and drinks. During the afternoon the castle is turned off and a bible story is explored, an action song sung and creative prayers shared with all the family taking part. Craft related to the theme is available along with Lego. The castle is switched on again until 5.30.

Lots of good relationships are developing with the adults as we explore faith together. If you would like to help prepare the food please let Amy, Mark or Stevian know.

At the moment we have 22 children who attended often, along with others who have been only once or twice. We have had as many as 26 adults at one service. Please pray for this venture.

Monday Prayer Group...

meets next on **April 8th and April 22nd at 10am** - all welcome!

Morning Local Arrangement Services.

Starting from April 7th we are going to launch a series of services based on the Methodist Way Of Life. This will use material provided by the Methodist Church and over the next year will explore the 12 different themes.

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: **7, 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 will be available soon - nominees must be full church members. Anyone connected to our church is welcome to attend the meeting and contribute thoughts and ideas.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

CSW Prayer Focus at Easter

With the resurrection of Jesus on the first Easter Sunday, Christ won the victory over death and darkness - paving the way for everyone to be reconciled and restored. With this confidence CSW ask us to join them in praying for:

Christian communities around the world who are prevented from attending Easter services, or who are unable to celebrate freely and safely. May they be filled with the joy of the resurrection and strengthened with hope for change;

that Christians imprisoned for their faith would know the close presence of their risen Lord. Pray too for the release of everyone unjustly imprisoned in connection with their religion or belief.

For the safety and protection of faith communities in countries like Nigeria, who are particularly at risk of attacks during this Easter season.

For healing and restoration for the survivors of previous Easter attacks, and for those whose loved ones were killed. We think especially of Sri Lanka in 2019, and Pakistan in 2015 and 2016.

Gaza Appeal: Methodists urged to donate (and pray)

The Methodist Church in Britain has launched an appeal to support the emergency work being carried out in Gaza by the Methodist Liaison Office's partners. The partners' work focuses on helping civilians in Gaza with medical, dental and mental health issues and offering them financial support. Speaking about the war in the Gaza Strip, the President and Vice-President of Conference expressed their deep horror at the physical and psychological impact the continued impact violence is having on families:

"The scale of the destruction and tragic loss of life in so short a space of time is incomparable to any other conflict in recent times. We grieve for all lives lost on October 7th and in the subsequent fighting. There is no justification for such widespread killing of tens of thousands of innocent people and we are gravely concerned for the entire population of the Gaza Strip."

Methodists are being asked to donate to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund via JustGiving (www.donate.justgiving.com) - adding "GAZA APPEAL" at the end of the online form.

Donations can also be made here at church over the next few Sundays in the bowl marked "Gaza Appeal", and this will be forwarded to the World mission Fund.

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 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 14th. 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.