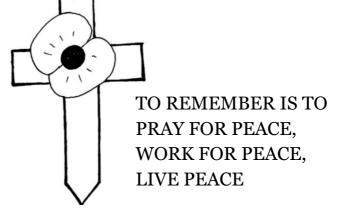
MARKFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

A big Bula to you all. The month of November is upon us again and we continue to thank God for all his Providence. I am sure you were also praying for the peace between Israel and the Hamas and please continue to pray for a lasting peace.

The Government of the day is also facing criticisms from all flanks and the Prime Minister is facing hard questions that require some answers. I am glad our Church here in Markfield continues its daily chores and routines where everybody joins hands and shows their joys and dedication in the tasks that they do.

When we read Luke 18: 1- 18 Jesus tells his disciples a parable "to teach them that they should pray and never become discouraged". We are in a time when most people utterly forget about God. In verse 8 of that reading, "but will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?"

The story is a reminder that there is hope if the petitioner only continues to be persistent in her prayer. If such a Judge will in the end listen to the prayer of a petitioner for whom he cares nothing, will not God surely listen to the prayer of a petitioner whom he loves with deep enduring love?

There is an urgent insistence for us all to continue in prayer, never fainting in this exercise even though no answer is forthcoming. God bears long before sending us swift judgements. A good example can be found in his dealings with Egypt and the Pharaohs during the Hebrew bondage story.

We, who are God's servants, must be content to wait God's time, and, while waiting patiently, go on pleading, sure in the end, **God will judge in favour of his own people who cry to him day and night for help. V.7.**

We have an assurance that, in spite of the delay, all will go well at the last with those who trust in God.

Wishing all the best in all you are going to be doing in this month of November. God bless, *Timi*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Revd Jimi Kaci, on **07907 601370**, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, at

kerryjane34@yahoo.com or on 07979 607099

SERVICE DETAILS FOR NOVEMBER

2nd November

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mr Mike Furborough S

Duty Stewards: Roderick Lay & Kerry Sharpe

Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service led by Mike Furborough

9th November No morning service at our church *

10.45 a.m. United Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

6.00 p.m. Taizé Prayer with songs & silence

16th November

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mr Stuart Crossley R

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

6.00 p.m. Health & Wellness Service at Glenfield

23rd November

10.20 a.m. Worship Leader - Ian Lay

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mr Justin Moulder

Duty Stewards: Ian Lay & Iris Bown

Welcome Steward: Ann Lay

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service led by Red Joy Langford

30th November CTiM United Service 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30 a.m. Homelessness Service at Markfield Congregational Community Church

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service led by Revd Jimi Kaci

 For anyone wishing to attend morning worship before the Act of Remembrance, there are services at St. Michael's and the Congregational Community Church, both starting at 10.00 a.m.

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
2 nd November	Rebecca Goldring		
9 th November	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	Jenny Marsay Sue Larkins
16 th November	Margaret Silverwood	Philip Gostelow	
23 rd November	Rebecca Goldring	Christine Bailey	Ann & Ian Lay Iris Bown
30 th November	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	

HOME FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to join us at our Home Fellowship at the home of Sandra Andrews on **Tuesday 11**th & **25**th November. Both meetings start at 5.30pm. If you need more information please contact Ann or Ian Lay. Tel: 01530 242166

"COME FOR A CUPPA" Wednesdays 10.00 - 12.00

Come & keep warm & meet each other for a cuppa and chat. You can swap a book and set yourself up with a jig-saw or two. There is no charge.

MUSIC CAFÉ - Thursday 13th & 27th November 2.00 - 4.00

If you feel the need of a change of scenery & a bit of company, please join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month for a music-based afternoon of fun & fellowship. Contact Linda for more information. Tel: 01530 242607

4 - COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12.30 p.m. SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

The June/December Birthday Group & Friends invite you to a

4-course Christmas Lunch with Readings and Carols

(Please see the menu elsewhere in these notices.)

TICKETS ARE £15 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

This is traditionally a very popular event so make sure you get your ticket promptly to avoid disappointment.

THANK YOU – Ploughman's Lunch & Entertainment.

With thanks to everyone who helped with food & drink preparation, house management and clearing away at the end! Thanks also to those who supported the event which raised £168 for church funds.

Please send items for the **DECEMBER** notices to Linda & William Walmsley by **23**RD **NOVEMBER**

wllmwalmsley@yahoo.co.uk

STARFISH MALAWI

Thank you to all of you who brought monetary gifts to the Harvest Thanksgiving service in support of StarFish Malawi. We took this opportunity to bring much needed help to the projects being undertaken in Malawi. Just one example of what the money is used for comes from the latest newsletter which I received today (16th Oct.).

HOPE CLINIC – One of the specialist clinics that we run is our under five clinic. The under five clinic provides comprehensive care to children under the age of five, including vaccinations, growth monitoring, and nutrition counselling provided by the Health Surveillance Assistant (HSA) provided by the government.

Aisha is a young mother from Jonasi village. She told us "My child was constantly falling ill, and I did not know how to care for her, but then I discovered the under-five clinic at Hope clinic through my sister-in-law and everything changed. My child is now healthy and happy, and I have peace of mind knowing that I am doing everything I can to support her growth and development. The clinic has been a life saver for us."

Just one example of how the money we send helps out. We have forwarded a cheque for £478.11 and there will be more from the Gift Aid slips that many of you filled in.

So, thank you very much. Ian Lay



Christmas Hamper

At our Christmas four course dinner on Saturday 13th December there will be a Christmas Hamper to be won. Tickets will be available to purchase on the day at £1 each.

Please see the posters in the front porch. If you can help by providing any of the food items on the list please put your name on the sheet. Closing date for items is Sunday 7th December. Thank you.

MARKFIELD TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE/DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GROUP & FRIENDS

PRESENT

4 - COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12.30 p.m. SATURDAY 13[™] DECEMBER

With Readings & Carols

MENU

WELCOME MULLED APPLE JUICE



HOMEMADE TOMATO & BASIL SOUP (VEGAN)

OR COARSE ARDENNES PÂTÉ



ROAST TURKEY & FULL TRIMMINGS
OR VEGETARIAN TURKEY OR VEGAN NUT ROAST
ROAST POTATOES. SEASONAL VEGETABLES (VEGAN)



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING & SAUCE ANGLAISE OR SUGAR-FREE TRIFLE (VEGAN)



COFFEE & PETIT FOURS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKFIELD HOMELESSNESS SERVICE & DONATIONS SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER AT 10.30

Markfield Congregational Community Church

Each year, on Advent Sunday, we have a joint service and collect for a homeless charity. This year we will be supporting **The Falcon Centre**, **Loughborough**.

Formed in 2001, Falcon Support Services is a registered charity with the mission to help vulnerable people transform their lives enabling them to live independently, healthily and positively contribute to their community.

The charity seeks to:

Promote the dignity of vulnerable people.

To restore physical and mental health and wellbeing, including substance misuse support.

Provide high quality, stable, supportive environments and accommodation for vulnerable people during their transition to independence.

Assist vulnerable people in developing the social and life skills necessary to plan and prepare for their futures.

Enable vulnerable people to integrate into the local community.

Your monetary donations for the work of the charity will be received during the service. However, if you are unable to attend and want to make a donation please put it in a sealed envelope and hand it to one of our stewards who will take it on your behalf.

Matthew 25: 35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

THE POPPY

"Why are they selling poppies Mummy, selling poppies in town today?" "The poppies, my child, are flowers of love for the men who marched away."

"But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy, why not a beautiful rose?"

Because my child, men fought and died in the fields where the poppy grows."

"But why are the poppies red Mummy, why are the poppies so red?" "Red is the colour of blood my child, the blood our soldiers shed."

"The heart of the poppy is black Mummy.

Why does it have to be so black?"

"Black my child is the symbol of grief,
for the men who never came back."

But Mummy, why are you crying so?
Your tears are giving me pain."
My tears are my fear for you my child,
for the world is forgetting again."

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**