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## MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Happy New Year to all and I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas and met up with a lot of families and friends. Well, 2024 is here and January is usually associated with Covenant Services in our Churches. It is a time that we commit our lives again to doing the will of God. I know some have made their New Year resolutions and I hope that you are keeping true to them.

Let us also be reminded of those who were not able to celebrate Christmas and New Year because of their disorientation by the effects of war. The media is full of pictures and reports of people getting hurt, being displaced, people left homeless and the effects of global warming playing havoc with our weather systems. We should remember them in our prayers this year.

We should take to heart the message of goodwill from Christmas and let this year be one where we play our part in bringing this goodwill to all people. What 2024 will bring we do not know and if we recommit ourselves to God we are safe in his hands. We take heed of my first sermon when I preached on Jesus inviting us to go with him to the other side. If we bring Jesus into our lives then we should not be worried because with Jesus we are going to reach the other side of 2024.

I wish you all the best and let us all remain true to the Covenant that we are making this month. Who can be against us if God is with us.

All the best for the Year.

Jimi.



## **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 07909 280486, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

## Service details for January

## 7<sup>th</sup> January

**10.30 a.m.** Morning worship led by Mr Tom Limb **Duty Stewards:** Ian Lay & Hazel Brewer **Welcome Steward:** Rosie Woodland

## 14<sup>th</sup> January Covenant Service

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Revd Jimi Kaci S
Duty Stewards: Roderick Lay & Iris Bown
Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas
6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Rev Helen Bell

## 21st January CTiM United Service

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Mr Justin Moulder
Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley
Welcome Steward: Ann Lay
6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Jimi Kaci

## 28<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Mr Richard Keen
Duty Stewards: Ian Lay & Kerry Sharpe
Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay
6.00 p.m. Taizé Prayer with songs & silence
6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Mr Justin Moulder

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
7th January	David	Iris Bown	Janet Forrester, Ann
	Woodward		Lay, Gill Gibbins
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Rebecca	Fran Johnson	
	Goldring		
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Margaret		Rosie Barrs Kate Scott
	Silverwood		Ann Holloway
28 <sup>th</sup> January	David	Hilary Wright	
	Woodward		

### THANK YOU

<u>CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL</u>: Many thanks for your generous support in giving your time, energy and monetary donations to make the weekend a success. £556 was raised for church funds.

<u>ALL WE CAN</u>: (Formerly the Methodist Relief & Development Fund) Grateful thanks for donations received at "Carol Praise" & in lieu of giving Christmas cards. They amounted to £210 & have been sent to AWC.

#### HOME FELLOWSHIP

The meetings for **January** are on **Tuesday** 9<sup>th</sup> **& 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **5.30** at the home of Hazel & Douglas Brewer on Bracken Walk. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Ann & Ian Lay on 01530 242166

#### **MUSIC CAFÉ**

This month we will meet on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Don't be on your own - join us for a music-based afternoon of friendship & fun on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month. Contact Linda on 01530 242607

#### "COME FOR A CUPPA" Wednesdays 9.30 – 12.30

Come and keep warm, meet each other and have a chat with refreshments.

There is no charge. Please note our new opening times until the end of March.

#### QUIZ & PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER - FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 7.00 p.m.

This annual event is always popular & well-supported so get your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. They are  $\pm 8$  are available now at church, or telephone 01530 242166 /242607.

#### **CHURCH NEWSLETTERS ONLINE**

Do you know that the newsletters are all on our Church website? If you prefer not to have a printed copy, haven't got a copy or forgot where you put your copy – just log onto the website and in the banner at the top click on the heading for newsletters and then the relevant month. Also on the website is details of events, seasonal services and much more. GOOGLE – please also add a google review for our Church – the more reviews we have the better. We also have a FaceBook page – Markfield Methodist Church – please "like" the page to follow. Our website is <u>www.markfieldmethodistchurch.org</u>, please do take a look. I update the Calendar and anything different re Services etc from the newsletter each month, so if anything is incorrect for that month please let me know. Many thanks. *Kerry Sharpe* 

**WAYS & MEANS** If you would like to help raise much-needed funds for our church please come to the meeting on **Monday**, 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 in the schoolroom. We will be finalising details for the Quiz & Ploughman's Supper and discussing arrangements for future events.

#### DONATION TO THE FALCON CENTRE

Following the CTiM united service £400 has been sent to The Falcon Centre, Loughborough.

Please send items for the **FEBRUARY** notices to Linda & William Walmsley by **21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY** wllmwalmsley@yahoo.co.uk