



St Mark's Methodist Church

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**Sunday 19 November 2023**

**Collect for the thirty-third Sunday in ordinary time:**

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**From the Methodist Prayer Handbook:**

Today we pray with Christians in Malaysia and Singapore and the Manchester and Stockport District of the Methodist Church.

Let us be yours, O God. Let us not draw back from you, neither from your presence, nor from your cross. Touch our hearts and make them holy. Consecrate our lives and enlist them in your service. Amen (Lucy Herbert 1669-1744)

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**Three-Course worship and Church Anniversary 10.15am**

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**Reading:** Colossians chapter 2 verses 1-7

Live stream link:

<https://youtube.com/live/iQ0r7MEMGGM?feature=share>

*We will start our service at 10.15am with traditional worship in the sanctuary, and Sparx in the small hall. At 11am we break for workshops. Coffee will be available during this time in the main hall, and there will be space for anyone who just wants to sit and chat who would prefer not to join in any of the workshops. Finally, we all return to the sanctuary at 11.45am for our final half an hour of All-Age worship, with contributions from each of the workshops.*

*Along with a celebratory theme, we will be exploring the theme of weaving tapestries. We thought it would be helpful to share with you the choice of workshops:*

- *Bible study with Ruth Briggs on the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30) in the small hall*
- *Contemplative prayer with Diane Daymond in the meeting room*
- *Weaving ecology with Martin Davis (from Green Christian) in the choir vestry*
- *Craft with Vicki Courtney & Deb Goodman in the main hall for both children & adults*
- *Music in the sanctuary to jazz up a familiar song with Helen Taylor*

## **Notices**

### **Church Car Park closure from 20 November**

Please note that the car park will be inaccessible for cars from 20 November for the next three weeks. It should still be possible to access the bike shed. Spaces at the front will be a priority for those less able.

As soon as the car park becomes available again we will let you know. Apologies for the inconvenience during this work.

Monday 20 November 7.30pm Church Council meeting by Zoom.

Tuesday 21 November 10.00am-12noon Coffee morning in church. All welcome.

Tuesday 21 November 7.30pm Worship Consultation meeting by Zoom.

Wednesday 22 November 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church. All welcome.

Wednesday 22 November 9.30am-11.30am Toddlers in the main hall.

Sunday 26 November 10.30am Rev Diane Daymond

### **Advance notices.**

Sunday 3 December 10.30am This will be our gift service. Please donate new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. These will be distributed by the Salvation Army, who will be providing for children from birth to 12 (they give teenagers gift vouchers). Thank you.

Saturday 9 December 12.30pm Christmas lunch and fun quiz.

Fellowship and Fundraiser. Please make sure that if you wish to come along to this event, your name is on the list by 1 December. Thank you to those who have already donated items for the food hamper raffle prize. If you are unable to join us on the 9th but wish to lend your support, then please do ask a church member who is attending to buy a raffle ticket for you (£1 a strip).

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Foodbank. The foodbank donation boxes are near our entrances.

Many thanks to all who keep filling up the boxes.

### **Thank you**

The Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal at St Mark's raised £230. Thank you to all contributors.