



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH  
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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
Rev. Rachael Wilson  
Church Anniversary, Holy Communion

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with Christians in India.

*Beyond all thought of wealth; beyond all hope of honour; beyond all joy in words, I pray, O God, that my whole life long may be my receiving of pure love from you and my having pure love for you. (Chaitanya Indian mystic 1486-1532)*

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Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/fQaQRwr514g?feature=share>

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## Notices

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November) 7.30 Church Council meeting by zoom

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November) 9.30am Bethesda Backpackers, Chosen Hill (3 mile walk), meet at church on summit. Let Elaine know (07974 428125) by 6:30pm on Sunday if you wish to participate.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November) 10am Coffee morning - all welcome

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November) 10am Bethesda Backpackers, River Severn, Tewkesbury with lunch at the Boathouse afterwards. Please contact Elaine on 07974 428125 by 6:30pm on Monday.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November) 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November) 9.30 Toddlers

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November) 7pm Lamplighters Music Practice

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November) 2-4pm 3-Generate reunion in the church hall

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November) Colin Pascoe – Morning Worship

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STEWARDS ARE ONLY USING THE ELECTRONIC CALLENDAR TO PREPARE THE NOTICES. IF YOU WISH SOMETHING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICES, PLEASE EMAIL [notices@stmarksmethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@stmarksmethodist.org.uk) BY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME FOR THE WEEK AHEAD. ALTERNATIVELY SPEAK TO A STEWARD DIRECTLY**

Christian Aid Fair last Saturday raised £1121.50 so far, not including auction or online payments.

*So we have done well again this year. Many thanks to everyone who has supported our efforts in any way. - Anne Vine*

Advance notices:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December is our Gift Service – the Salvation Army will receive gifts which should be new and unwrapped. Gifts for children aged 9+ would be especially helpful.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Journey of the Magi at Bethesda, 1930. To book tickets and watch a trailer – <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/995071344177> Ticket prices start at £6 for U18.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Cheltenham Bach Choir are performing Handel's Messiah at the Town Hall at 6pm. Tickets costs £25 each. If a group of St Mark's members and friends would like to go, please contact Helen Taylor by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** (01242 574519)

We are having a New Year Celebration on Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm – everyone's invited! More details in the Messenger.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Call to Worship

Hymn Singing the Faith 116 Sing for God's glory

Prayers and Collect (Methodist Worship Book pp.174-175)

Time of sharing

Hymn StF 2 Come, let us sing to the One

Epistle reading 1 Peter 2:1-10 Gospel reading Mark 13:1-8

Sermon

Hymn StF 409 Let us build a house where love can dwell

Prayers of intercession

The Peace (MWB p.177)

Offering brought forward

Hymn StF 586 Here is bread, here is wine

Communion (MWB pp.179-183)

Hymn StF 564 O thou who camest from above

Blessing and dismissal (MWB p.184)

#### FOODBANK

List of needs from the Foodbank – the boxes for receiving donations for the Foodbank are by our two entrances. Thank you to all who keep filling up the boxes.

Cans or packets of soup

Toilet paper

Washing-up liquid,

Washing powder (powder or capsules please, not liquid)

Tinned cold meats and fish

Packets and cans of desserts both hot and cold

Jam

Tinned fruit and vegetables

Nappies size 5 Items

Items we have plenty of...

Nappies in most sizes (we do need size 5)

Sanitary products

Baby food

Non-dairy milk

Toothpaste