



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH  
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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time  
Rev. Rachel Leather/Rev. Janice Hamilton

Lord, you have taught us that all your doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with all Christians in West Africa.  
*It is to you, O God of glory, that we come. It is on your mercy that we rely. It is to you, O Lamb enthroned that we draw near, in your salvation that we trust, in your peace that we rest.*  
(John Haime 1708-84)

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Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/M4QVGzrbv00?feature=share>

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## Notices

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February) 10am Coffee morning - all welcome

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February) 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 Toddlers

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February) 2.30pm House group at Sheila's, led by Lesley

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February) 2.30pm Friday Club (entertainment unknown)

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February) 1pm to 3pm, Regenerate Reunion, St Mark's hall

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February) **TODAY'S BETHESDA BACKPACKERS WALK HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February) Rev. Rachel Leather, Holy Communion

Advance notices:

Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>) Zac - Learn a new Roger Jones musical in a day. 10am rehearsals start with performance at 4.30pm. £5 for choir and musicians, donation for concert. Please contact Mike on 07925 858297 to register.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March) Sophia course, a Christian Eco-Spirituality Journey, six Saturdays commencing 15/03/25. Other sessions are 17/05/25, 19/07/25, 20/09/25, 15/11/25, 17/01/26. For more information contact Rev. Dr Robin Parry, [robinparry@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:robinparry@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March) relaunching Cheltenham Churches Together, Bethesda

## ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Gathering music: [Hillsong Worship Playlist //20 minutes// With Lyrics](#)

Call to worship

StF 175 Light of the world

Prayers

Passion Play video

All age talk

StF: 323 I will sing the wondrous story

Affirmation of faith

Reading: 2 Cor 4: 1-18

StF: 640 We turn to God when we are sorely pressed

Sermon – Janice

StF: 693 Beauty for brokenness

Intercessions

StF: 414 Shalom my friends

Blessing

### 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.

Our current shopping list ....

- Tinned Cold Meat (or fish)
- Pasta Sauce
- Washing up liquid, washing powder (powder or capsules please, not liquid)
- Soup - packets or tins
- Desserts - hot or cold, packets or cans
- Deodorants – Ladies' and Men's