



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday
10.30am – Morning Worship by Local Arrangement

Loving and eternal God, though the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in life or death can ever part us from your love for us in Jesus Christ our Saviour; who is alive and reigns with you, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with Methodists in
Benin, Cote D'Ivoire & Togo

Teach us, O God, to trust your providence, ordered and sure; to accept your wisdom, unerring and true and to rejoice in your love unbounded and eternal; through Christ our Lord. (Charles Simeon 1759-1836)

Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/4qea0cVh5og?feature=share>

Notices

Tuesday 5th May) 10am Coffee morning - all welcome.

Wednesday 6th May) 9.30am Toddlers

Wednesday 6th May) 9am Ecumenical communion service, Bishops Cleeve Methodist church

Thursday 7th May) Messy church planning meeting in small hall

Saturday 9th May) Plant and Cake sale, front of church, 1000 to 1200

Sunday 10th May) 1030am Rev. Stan Brown

Tuesday 12th May) 2pm - all welcome to come to the Open Fellowship

Easy Fundraising

A link to this can now be found at the bottom of the Home page of the church website and there is also a QR code link on the Contacts & Links page – www.stmarksmethodist.org.uk.

Rev Rachel Leather Sabbatical

Whilst Rachel is away on sabbatical we have a couple of supernumerary ministers covering her for emergencies. Rev John Kime will cover most of the time and he can be contacted at: john.kime@methodist.org.uk 01242 603570. John is unavailable from 10th May for a month and Rev Ian Yates will be stepping in - he can be contacted at: iyates02@hotmail.com 07476 109000 In the first instance, please contact the stewards or your pastoral visitor, and only use John or Ian for urgent matters.

Order of service St Mark's May 3rd

Call to Worship

Hymn: 335 STF – Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Opening Prayers The Lord's Prayer All Age Talk Children Leave

657 STF – You give rest to the weary

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14;

745 STF – For all the saints who from their labours rest

Reflections on the Readings. End of Sermon we read the Psalm again as a Prayer.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

628 STF – Faithful One

Intercessions Blessing the Offering

470 STF – Lord, for the years your love has kept and Guided

Blessing

FOODBANK

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

Thank you for all your donations for the Foodbank. You can leave items in the boxes near our entrances at church. These are collected fortnightly by volunteers from the Foodbank at Elim.