

Looking Ahead

February

Saturday 11 2.30 – 4.00 pm Christian Aid Party in the Hall. Film Focus on CAW 2012 followed by Tea and Home-made cakes. A warm welcome awaits you.

Introducing Ministerial Development Review

As disciples we all want to offer our best to God. As part of a community of disciples we all want to encourage and support one another in becoming the best we can be for God. That is why this year your minister will be taking part in a new process of Ministerial Development Review. It will probably happen without most of you knowing when it is happening, but it's important that you should be aware of the ways in which the church tries to support your minister and what you can do to offer support as well. This is what Martyn Atkins, the General Secretary of the Methodist church has written:

Ministerial Development Review has its roots in the Church's responsibility to support its ministers, and in the Conference's specific desire to provide a structured means for ministers to reflect on and review their ministry.

A key feature of Ministerial Development Review is the annual review meeting – a significant event which provides an important opportunity for ministers to share their reflections, insights and hopes with others who have a responsibility for their well-being and for their growth in ministry (one other minister and a lay person). But whilst the organisation and facilitation of the review meeting is a key task, Ministerial Development Review is about much more than this. At its core, it is not an annual event but an ongoing process of collaborative reflection and learning, of reshaping ministry in the light of experience and feedback, of sharing and addressing blockages to progress and growth, and of celebrating successes and affirming gifts and graces.

It is my hope that Ministerial Development Review will strengthen the Christian ministry in which we share, and help us all as we focus on our prayerful and active intention to be a discipleship movement shaped for mission.

You can all help by regularly praying for the ministers in your circuit and their families. To realise that you are being prayed for by someone, sometimes without asking, can be very affirming. You may be asked to give some feedback about some area of your minister's work. You will have been asked because your minister and those helping them in the review value your insights. If you are asked it's an opportunity for you to encourage your minister to be the best they can be for God.

If you want to know more about Ministerial Development Review you can find out from the Methodist website going to www.methodistchurch.org.uk and typing "ministerial development review" into the search box.

John Hellyer, District Chair

Items for the next Notice Sheet should be with me by 10.00 pm on Wednesday.

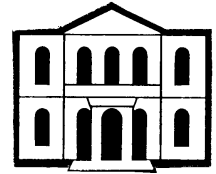
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Notice Sheet for 15 January 2012

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-end

We are delighted to welcome everyone to St Peter's, especially students and people visiting Canterbury. If this is your first visit please introduce yourself to one of the Stewards or the Minister and sign the Visitors' Book on the table in the Church Vestibule. If you are new to the Church or have recently moved into the area, and would like more details about what we offer, would you please complete one of the Welcome Cards which are available at the back of the Church - ask one of the Door or Church Stewards.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship over tea, coffee or squash after the morning service. Visitors and newcomers are especially welcome to stay.

9.30 am Morning Worship at Old Wives Lees Chapel, including Holy Communion, led by Revd Chris Esgate.

10.30 am Worship & Junior Church
The Service will be led by Canon Rosemary Walters
Church Stewards: Will Howe, Sue Floyd & Margaret Anderson
Lesson Readers: Audrey Bigley & Sharon Adley


6.30 pm Evening Worship
The Service will be a Healing Service, including Holy Communion, and be led by Revd Geoff Boxer
Church Steward: Margaret Anderson
Lesson Readers: Brian & Maureen Stocker

Speak to the Stewards for details of the Crèche which is available during the Morning Service and if you need a large print copy of the Hymn Book or Bible. There is a Hearing Aid Loop System in the Church. Users should switch to the "T" position.

Minister – The Revd Geoff Boxer

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Notices for 16 - 22 January 2012

- Tuesday 17** **7.00pm** Geoff and Angie will be hosting the initial meeting of the **Alpha Course** at the Manse. Simply come along to find out more. **“LIFE is worth exploring...!”**
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- Alpha*
- Wednesday 18** **10.00 am Holy Communion in the Church** led by Revd Hugh-Nigel Sheehan
10.30-12 noon Wednesday Morning Coffee will be served in the Foyer.
7.45 pm First in the Series of the 2012 series of Contemporary Theology Group Lectures. Speaker: David Birmingham, formerly Professor of Modern History, University of Kent: *Quakers: an historical perspective*. Copies of the programme for 2012 are on the table in the Vestibule. Please help yourself and take another should you wish to pass it to someone else.
- Thursday 19** **1.30 pm Pebbles Group** for toddlers and their parents/carers.
6.30 – 7.45 pm Youth Group: Painting pottery at Espressions
8.00 pm Ichthus Student Group meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 20** **9.00 – 10.30 am Friday Coffee/Drop-in** for parents and carers.
 1.15 pm Lunchtime Concert by pupils from Kent College. **Admission free**, retiring collection for MRDF
- Saturday 21** **10.00 – 11.30 am Epiphany Study** led by Revd Hugh-Nigel Sheehan continues at Challock Methodist Church to help and refresh all preachers, worship leaders, readers of God’s Word and all who are interested. **Session 3: Preparation of the Reading Text** and specific techniques.

Christian Unity Sunday 22 January

- 9.30 am Service at St John ‘s Church, Barham** (Covenant Service, Revd Geoff Boxer)
- 10.30 am United Service at Old Wives Lees Village Hall**
- 10.30 am Worship & Junior Church**
 The Service will be led by Revd John Bown
 Church Stewards: Kaye Merrywest, Jonathan Little & Angela Gibbens
 Lesson Readers: Merle Bown & Joy Webster
- 6.30 pm Annual Christian Unity Service in the Cathedral.** Theme: *Better Together*.
 Speaker: The Very Revd Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury. All welcome
 (There will be no evening service at our church)

For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week:

*They Who Kneel Before God
 Can Stand Before Anyone*

Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, I pray for all those I’ve hurt.
 Those whom I could have helped, but didn’t.
 There are those in the world that I don’t know
 who have been wronged by my inaction rather than what I’ve done
 – I pray that you will take your love where my neglect prevented my love
 from going.
 Reach out to all who need love, and to all who need forgiveness.
 In the name of the one who died that we might all be forgiven.
 Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen

We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially **May Gurr, Muriel Kempthorne, Margaret Withers, Hazel Burgess, Olive Cutting, Joyce Stickels, Gladys Marsh, Pam Lees, Bob & Renee Matthews, Pam Lee Evans**

Recent donations received for Action for Children are as follows:

Whole World Fair + Coffee Morning	£522.46
Christmas Cards sold	£428.40
In lieu of Christmas postage	£100.70
Candlelight Carol Service Collection	£159.06
Christmas Day Collection	£534.62

This brings the current total of £2,204.06 towards the Oak Tree Project, with gift aid to add. A total of £428.40 in Christmas card sales was made. Many thanks to all that have supported the fund-raising events so magnificently.

If anyone feels able to assist with door steward duties or operating the sound system, Wendy Irons would love to hear from you. wendyirons@btinternet.com, 01227 781853

The latest edition of Dr Marshall’s Quiz is available, entitled “Bankers’ Bonanza”. **The closing date is 14 April. Copies are available, price £1, and if you would like one please see Joy or Glen Sharman.**