



Sunday 3rd January

Connecting church family within the Market Drayton Circuit; Market Drayton, Ashley and Hinstock, during the restrictions of Covid-19

Market Drayton Methodist Circuit

Newsletter

Notices

COVENANT SERVICES

The services at MDMC on Sunday 3rd January and at Ashley on Sunday 10th January will be Covenant services including Holy Communion and led by Rev Ruth Jeffries. The online covenant service will be on 10th January.

DANI KILBY

The service to celebrate Dani's life will be at Ashley Methodist Church on Friday 8th January, followed by burial at Standon Church. Sadly, attendance is strictly by invitation only, however Ralph and the family would highly value your prayers.

CHRISTMAS DVD'S

We produced some DVD's just before Christmas and gave them to our church family who are not online and don't have access to the services, music and other online material. This DVD included the Advent series (Peace, Hope, Joy and Love), the Youth Choir Christmas concert and some other carols. There are a handful of DVD's left so if you feel they would be useful to give to friends, family or neighbours who would really benefit from it, please speak to Al Savill.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ROMANIA

Greetings have been received from our friends at Petrosani in Romania.

"We wish that the celebration of the birth of our Lord will bring you hope, joy and peace . Happy New Year from Padurean family."

Jeannette has returned greetings on your behalf to all of our friends in Petrosani

AMC CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The answers to the Christmas Quiz are now up on the AMC website. Thank you to everyone who took part!

LIST OF URGENT FOODBANK NEEDS:

- CARTONS FRUIT JUICE - LONG LIFE - NO STOCK
- DOG FOOD - WET AND DRY - NO STOCK
- EGGS
- SPONGE PUDDINGS/SLAB CAKE
- CUSTARD AND RICE PUDDING
- TOILET ROLLS
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- TINS OF SARDINES/MACKEREL
- TINNED HAM AND CHICKEN
- WASHING POWDER/TABS/DETERGENT
- LOCAL SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS/ VOUCHERS - MORRISONS/LIDL/ALDI/ASDA/ SAINSBURY'S

They have plenty of Pasta, rice, & tea.

MD CIRCUIT WORSHIP

ONLINE

First streaming at 10.30am on Sundays, then always available

- ⇒ mdmc.org.uk
- ⇒ ashleymethodist.co.uk
- ⇒ YouTube – search MDMC

IN CHURCH

MDMC—10.30am every Sunday

Please book in by the preceding Friday:

Phone: 01630 655957 and leave a message with your name and a contact number and the names of those in your group/ bubble who will also attend.

Internet: www.mdmc.org.uk/calendar and click on the Sunday you would like to attend.

Ashley MC—10.30am Third Sunday in December 2nd & 4th from January

OTHER ONLINE WORSHIP

Swan Bank, Burslem

Live Streams at 10.30am and past services,

www.youtube.com/user/SwanBank

PHONE WORSHIP

0808 2812514

Free Methodist church Dial-a-prayer

0808 281 2478

Free Methodist Church Dial-the-news (both updated on a Thursday)

CIRCUIT ZOOM SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

every Sunday after worship at 11.45am. All are very welcome!

Use the following link...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83410523806?pwd=SmZBQml3K3lXM1lybzNDZnhMUU5PUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 1052 3806, Password: 277175

If you would like to contribute to this weekly Newsletter, please send items by Wednesday evenings to Al Savill Email: notices@mdmc.org.uk. Tel: 07966295413. Please send testimonies, prayers, news, notices, activities etc.

Start Afresh.....

John 15: 1-9
Jeremiah 31: 33-34

A call to worship

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A Prayer for us all

Gracious God,
on this day, I and many others seek to renew our covenant with You. Your love is strong and faithful. You never stop loving us. Our love for You is weak and fickle and we often fall short of what we have committed ourselves to be and do. Forgive us for our reluctance to follow Christ, our half-hearted worship, our failures in caring, service and witness, and our unwillingness to challenge injustice. Have mercy on us, O God, and renew in us both the desire and the ability to be people of love.
Thank you for your gracious words: 'Your sins are forgiven'. Amen.

The image of the vine is an organic picture. The branches are growing in the vine. They are connected to every other branch through the vine and fruit grows naturally on the branches. The branches have no choice. They are part of the Vine. But Jesus' use of this image to speak of our relationship with him offers choice and invites our participation. We are asked to abide in the vine and so grow and be fruitful.

Today, we choose again to trust God, to walk with Jesus and to live in the ways of the kingdom.



All I once held dear,

built my life upon,
all this world reveres,
and wars to own,
all I once thought gain
I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now,
compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus,
knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire
is to know you more,
to be found in you
and known as yours.
To possess by faith
what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift
of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power
of your risen life,
and to know you in
your sufferings.
To become like you
in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live
and never die.

Graham Kendrick

The Covenant Prayer

Take time to sit quietly. Then say the Covenant Prayer aloud:

**I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.
Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things, and when I have nothing
I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose.**

**Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen**

Prayers for Others

Pray for your church ... that it may be a faithful witness to God's love.

Pray for the church worldwide ...that in word and action it may help people to see God's glory

Pray for the leaders of nations... that they act justly and guide wisely.

Pray for those pushed to the margins of society ...that they and their gifts may be made welcome.

Pray for those in need...especially people we know

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father

#niteblessings

May you hold onto the God Who is holding on to you. May you be reminded that this season will pass. May you be given hope better days and may you know the reality of the warmth of God's grace and Presence. Winter will not last forever - Spring will come again

Malcolm Duncan