

**STRETTON FOODBANK UPDATE as at 10.11.2024**

Thanks to everyone who donated this week as we were able to help everyone that came on Friday. We are very grateful for all donations we receive, big or small.

This week we need your help with: Cooking oil , Baked beans , Tinned soup ,Rice pudding , Custard , Tea bags , Small bags of sugar .

Of course, if you wish to donate something else, we are grateful for everything we receive. Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Coop or at the Mayfair Centre.

**BAYSTON HILL**

**METHODIST CHURCH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP**

***INVITE YOU TO A CLUSTER ADVENT SERVICE***

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH**

**AT 2:30 p.m.**

**LED BY Rev'd MacNeill Cooper**

**Followed by tea and cakes**

**We hope you will be able to join us – a warm welcome awaits you**

**ART EXHIBITION**

**The Church Art Group are holding their annual exhibition on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> &**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10a.m to 4p.m.**

**please come and enjoy this too**

**“ENGAGING ISSUES” .....TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**Why young people should vote.- Reinvigorating our democratic institutions**

**“We remain as passionate about political issues as the generations that have gone before us . However we are disenfranchised by the political system.”**

**Matthew Bittle gives a rallying cry for reinvigorating our democratic institutions and makes the case for why it matters to all of us. URC 7.30 pm.**

  
**The Methodist Church**  
**Church Stretton**

IN THE SHROPSHIRE & MARCHES CIRCUIT



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. IF YOU ARE VISITORS WE TRUST THAT YOUR HOLIDAY WILL BRING YOU JOY AND REFRESHMENT OF SPIRIT.PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17th 2024**

**10.30 am Claire Harmer**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**10.30 am Steven Dalton**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

10.00 am to 12.00

Baby & Toddler Group - in the church hall

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Cuppa & Chat” – in the church - all very welcome

**CRADLE ROLL SECRETARY**

The church is looking for a new Cradle Roll Secretary. We are extremely grateful to Chris Hedges for doing this role for many years and are now looking for someone to take it on. It is a lovely job to do and involves a few duties at the Baptism service itself and keeping in touch with the family by sending Birthday cards until the child is 5. If you would like to know more, please ask Chris Faulkner or Chris Hedges.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Our Churches Together Christmas cards are ready for willing volunteers to take away and distribute please before the 3rd December. They are in bundles in the porch of the church. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Sue Hill

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Our Church Lunch will take place on Sunday, 12 January 2025 at 12:30. The caterers will again be Oak Apple from Frodesley; a two-course meal, main and dessert plus tea/coffee will be £21.00. I will put the menu choices on the noticeboard in the hall; let me know what sets your tastebuds tingling as soon as you can. ***NB: all the dishes can be adapted for a gluten free diet.***

Carole Coles

Items for the church notices for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to [cdgtorridon@aol.com](mailto:cdgtorridon@aol.com) or 01694 328319

**REFLECTION..... on keeping silence.**

One can only regret that in our present world, with the constant noise coming from television sets and the sound of traffic, we cannot reclaim some moments of silence. Silence offers us it's rich benefits of peace and of a deeper understanding of God's purpose for our lives.

The Society of Friends emphasise the importance of silence, contrary to so many popular religious services today, where both the leader and people express their faith loudly in songs and in clapping their hands. Those confined to living on their own, may like this form of worship. By radio or television, they enter into the joyful spirit of worship as though they were present with the worshippers. Others may prefer silence so that in the quiet of their minds they may centre their thoughts on God.

There is no true silence. Even as our natural deafness excludes sounds which some animals can hear, it may be that our spiritual deafness, excludes God's word for us. That may be summed up in the command "to love God and our neighbour as ourselves". Only by our silence before God, shall we rightly express our deepest thoughts and receive the grace by which to hear and obey his word.

Tony Hearle

**SANDFORD SERVICE**

Our next communion service at the Sandford Home will be on Tuesday 26th November at around 11am. Please support this outreach if you can either by attending (we've usually left by midday) or in your daily prayers.

**ADVENT STUDY GROUP**

Our Advent study group will start on November 26th at 1 The Bridleways at 2pm. The booklet for the course we will be following (4 sessions) will be available for you to peruse on the table by the front church doors.

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