

This week at St. John's

FEBRUARY			
Monday 17th	7.30 pm	Stewards Meeting	Lounge
Tuesday 18th	11.00 - 9.00	Dance	Hall
	3.30 - 8.30	Dance	Room 3
Wednesday 19th		-----	
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Knit & Natter	Lounge
	11.00-8.30	Dance	Hall
	3.30-830 pm	Dance	Room 3
Friday 21st	11-1 / 5-7.00	Dance	Hall
Saturday 22nd	9.00 -6.00	S.D.A. Group	Lounge & Room 2
	9.00-3.00	Dance	Hall
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am	Worship - Mr. Jonathan Jones	Church
	2.00 pm	Punjabi Christian Fellowship	Church
	6.00 pm	Worship - Mrs. Brenda Shuttleworth	Church

St. John's Methodist Church

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Welcome to worship at St. John's. We trust that you will find a warm welcome. If we can help in any way please speak to one of the church stewards or the person leading the service. May God bless you as you worship.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Divided in Love

When public debate erupted over a controversial Singapore law, it divided believers with differing views. Some called others "narrow-minded" or accused them of compromising. When public debate erupted over a controversial Singapore law, it divided their faith.

Controversies can cause sharp divisions among God's family, bringing much hurt and discouraging people. I've been made to feel small over personal convictions on how I apply the Bible's teachings to my life. And I'm sure I've been equally guilty of criticizing others I disagree with.

I wonder if the problem lies not in what or even in how we express our views, but in the attitudes of our hearts when we do so. Are we just disagreeing with views or seeking to tear down the people behind them?

Yet there are times when we need to address false teaching or explain our stand. Ephesians 4:2-6 reminds us to do so with humility, gentleness, patience, and love. And, above all else, to make every effort "to keep the unity of the Spirit" (v. 3).

Some controversies will remain unresolved. God's Word, however, reminds us that our goal should always be to build up people's faith, not tear them down (v. 29). Are we putting others down to win an argument? Or are we allowing God to help us understand His truths in His time and His way, remembering that we share one faith in one Lord? (vv. 4-6).

God, guide me as I speak the truth so that I do so out of love and seek only to build up, not to tear down.

Adapted from 'Our Daily Bread' - www.oddb.org

16th February 2020 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A- Lectionary Bible Readings for Today

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37

This morning's Service of Baptism will be led by Rev. Steve Singleton to whom we extend a warm welcome. This evening's service of Holy Communion will be led by our own Minister Rev. Steve Jackson.

St. John's News and Information

Baptism

A very warm welcome to the family and friends of Micah, the youngest member of our Young Church Creche, who will be baptised by his Grandad Steve during this morning's service. God bless you Micah.

Congratulations

To Cynthia Dryden who celebrated her 70th birthday on Friday, 14th February. Love and best wishes from the Church Family.

Also many congratulations, love and very best wishes to Jean and Brian Oakley who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, 20th February.

Stewards Meeting

Takes place tomorrow, 17th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Lounge

Knit & Natter

Resumes after a winter break on Thursday, 20th February at 11.00 a.m. in the Lounge Everyone welcome.

Worship, Ministry and Mission Meeting

Meets on Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Lounge. This is an open meeting and everyone will be welcome.

Praise and Worship Evening

The next Praise and Worship Evening takes place on Saturday 29th February at 7.00 p.m. in the Church. Please join us for an uplifting evening of praise and worship.

Food Friends

Food Friends is about getting to know others. If you would like to be part of the next group that meets once a month for three months to share in a meal or meet for coffee please pick up a leaflet and add your name to the list in the vestibule.

Renewal Project Questionnaire Forms

Can we please remind you to return the above forms once completed. Thank you.

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The offering for last Sunday amounted to £409.08

Dates for your Diary

Church Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m. Thursday, 5th March

Mobile Phones

We understand that some people use mobiles to access Bible Apps etc. but it would be appreciated if you could switch your phone to silent during the service.

Wider Church and Community

Circuit Youth Event

Sunday, 1st March from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. At Cranmer Methodist Church, Newhampton Road West, WV6 ORS. Free event for young people aged from 8 - 20. Please see poster in vestibule.

Wolverhampton Circuit MWiB

Tuesday, 3rd March at 2.15 p.m. at Lanesfield Methodist Church. Daffodil Day - "What's the Story". Everyone welcome. Please see poster in vestibule.

2020 Circuit Lent Theme : Care for Creation

During Lent, all evening services in the circuit will be looking at the theme of caring for creation using the book 'Saying Yes to Life' as a guide. Three lent groups, open to all, will also support this theme. See poster in vestibule for details.

Prayer Focus

We remember all those affected by the adverse weather conditions which have wreaked havoc in the wake of 'Storm Ciara'. We pray that they will feel God's presence in their lives giving them strength to cope with often overwhelming circumstances.

PRAYER

Prayer for Today

You alone, O God, can satisfy our deepest hunger, and protect us from the lure of wealth and power. Teach us to seek your kingdom above all else, that we may know the security and joy of those who put their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**