

JANUARY			
Monday 20th	6.30 pm	Beavers	Room 3
	6.45 pm	Cubs	Room 2
	7.00 pm	Scouts	Room 2
Tuesday 21st	11.00 - 9.00	Dance	Hall
	3.30 - 8.30	Dance	Room 3
Wednesday 22nd	5.45 pm	Rainbows	Room 3
	6.45 pm	Brownies	Room 3
	7.00 pm	Guides	Room 2
Thursday 23rd	9.00-11.00	Stay & Play	Room 3
	11.00-9.00	Dance	Hall
	3.30—8.00	Dance	Room 3
Friday 24th	5.00—6.00 pm	Dance	Hall
	7.30 pm	Keep Fit	Hall
Saturday 25th	9.00 —6.00	S.D.A. Group	Lounge & Room 2
	9.00—3.00	Dance	Hall
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Worship - Rev. Steve Jackson	Church
	2.00 pm	Punjabi Christian Fellowship	Church
	6.00 pm	Worship - Rev. Paul Nzacahayo	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

.When God Intervenes

Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm. Psalms 105:15

Today's Scripture & Insight: Numbers 23:13–23

In a poem titled "This Child Is Beloved," Omawumi Efueye, known affectionately as Pastor O, writes about his parents' attempts to end the pregnancy that would result in his birth. After several unusual events that prevented them from aborting him, they decided to welcome their child instead. The knowledge of God's preservation of his life motivated Omawumi to give up a lucrative career in favour of full-time ministry. Today, he faithfully pastors a London church.

Like Pastor O, the Israelites experienced God's intervention at a vulnerable time in their history. While traveling through the wilderness, they came within sight of King Balak of Moab. Terrified of their conquests and their vast population, Balak engaged a seer named Balaam to place a curse on the unsuspecting travellers (Numbers 22:2–6). But something amazing happened. Whenever Balaam opened his mouth to curse, a blessing issued instead. "I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it," he declared. "No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel. The Lord their God is with them; . . . God brought them out of Egypt" (Numbers 23:20–22). God preserved the Israelites from a battle they didn't even know was raging!

Whether we see it or not, God still watches over His people today. May we worship in gratitude and awe the One who calls us blessed.

Father in heaven, forgive us for the many times we take Your care and protection for granted. Give us eyes to see how much You bless us.

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

19th January 2020 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A- Lectionary Bible Readings for Today

Isaiah 49: 1-7 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42

This morning's service will be led by Mr. Alan Eccles. This evening's service will be led by Mr. Edward Newton. We extend a very warm welcome to them both.

St. John's News and Information

Thank you

The following is a transcript of a letter received from Diane Lawrence following her road traffic accident in December:

Dear Congregation, Greetings in Christ.

I hope you are all well and taking care of each other. Thank you all for your prayers of concern on my behalf, the Lord has shown me mercy and kindness, and kept me in your love. I am most grateful for the prayers and petitions on my behalf, giving me strength and blessing me with grace. At the moment the doctors are unsure how long my recovery will take, but they are working together to do the best for me. Please keep me in your prayers. With loving thanks, Diane

God in Love Unites Us

This is the title of a report produced and recommended by the Methodist Church Conference which explores the nature of relationships and in particular same sex marriage. At the Methodist Conference in June/July 2020 a decision will be made which may impact the current Methodist understanding of marriage. The report is freely available in printed form in the porch at the back of church and can also be accessed online through the Methodist Church website - www.methodist.org.uk (type 'God in love unites us' in the search box). Churches and Circuits are invited to consider the report and a vote will be recorded at the Spring Synod. All are welcome to an open meeting here at St. John's on **Tuesday 21st January - 7.30pm in the lounge.**

The offering for last Sunday amounted to £666.51

Dates for your Diary

Praise & Worship Evening - 7.00 p.m. Saturday, 29th February
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.

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Wider Church and Community

2018 World Methodist Peace Award

A long term friend of the circuit, Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal (who served in the old Darlington Street Circuit in the 1970s and early 1980) will be presented with the Methodist World Peace Prize on 27th March 2020 at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster at 4pm. This is a significant global award recognising Inderjit's significant contribution to peace initiatives, both locally and internationally. Friends from around the circuit may wish to join the presentation ceremony. If you would like to go and join a circuit group, please let the circuit office know by Monday 20th January so we can organise tickets and look at the transport options.

Responding to the climate crisis

Evening services throughout lent across the circuit will be following a theme responding to the current climate crisis. We will be following the Archbishop of Canterbury's lent book "Say Yes to Life". The theme will be followed up by circuit house groups. More information will follow shortly.

MWiB Craftism Event

Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Methodist Women in Britain Craftism Event Tuesday 18th February at Trinity Methodist Church, Station Road, Hednesford 10.15am – 3.15pm. See poster on noticeboard in the vestibule.

Methodist Conference

Volunteers needed for the Methodist Conference at Telford International Centre 25th June – 2nd July. See details on the noticeboard in the vestibule.

Wombourne Methodist Church - 125th Anniversary Celebrations continue

Saturday, 15th February - 10.30 am - 4.00 pm Valentine Themed Crafts
7.00 pm Quiz with fish & chip supper

Booking essential : Please contact Janet Fenney, Church Office— 01902 338420
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Prayer Focus

We pray for the Ministers of this Circuit that they may feel God's presence in their lives, guiding and guarding them as they work in their various churches and communities.

PRAYER

Prayer for Today

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service, strengthen us by your spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**