

Nuthall Methodist Church



# **NEWSLETTER**

**October 2021**

## **FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY**

Dear Friends,

During the five Sundays of October, our preachers have been asked to follow a thematic series based around the Methodist Way of Life. A Methodist Way of Life is a new programme that sets out what it means to be a Christian lived out within the Methodist tradition. It puts into words how we are called to live our lives in response to the love of God poured out into our lives through Jesus.

Although the key work on a Methodist Way of Life started back in 2018, the elements it includes are based around Our Calling, which the Methodist Church has been talking about since 1980, which in turn was built on what Methodists have always tried to do, since the days of John Wesley. It is simply about ordinary men and women trying to follow Jesus and live out their Christian faith in the real world.

One way to think about all of this is to think about it as a rule of life. A rule of life is a way of committing ourselves to certain practises that we believe will help shape the way we live out our lives. This was a key element of the “methodical” way John Wesley certainly lived his own life and encouraged others to do the same. However, these rules or practises all go back to the New Testament and especially the life and teaching of Jesus.

Although the name suggests otherwise, we should not think of a rule of life as a list of commands to obey. None of us needs another set of rules to feel guilty about when we fall short! In the material offered by the Church, it is presented as a trellis or framework on which we can grow. Just as a trellis allows and enables plants to thrive, so a rule of life can give structure and space to develop a healthy, holy Christian lifestyle.

In this regard, the most important thing is to recognise that a Methodist Way of Life is held within a framework of God's love. Without this sense of God's love for us, a rule of life is of little use, just another list of things to do in our busy lives. But, as people loved by God, we can use this material to shape our response in everyday life, living in and sharing God's love.

I will not say any more at this stage about the different strands of a Methodist Way of Life. Instead, I want to encourage you to come along throughout October to discover this gift for yourselves. And look out for some of the written material that is available to help people to delve deeper and to put into practise what you hear.

Love, peace and joy

*Andrew*



## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

For October we will continue with some 'hybrid' services on Sunday mornings with a service held in church and simultaneously running on zoom, but this will change to alternate weeks now that more people are returning to worship in the church building.

DATE	TIME	PREACHER	THEME (see Andrew's letter)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.45am	Mrs. Susan Johnson ( <b>Zoom &amp; in Church</b> )	Worship
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth ( <b>In Church</b> )	
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Holy Communion ( <b>In Church</b> )	Learning & Caring
	6.00pm	Youth Service ( <b>In Church</b> )	
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mrs. Becca Byass ( <b>Zoom &amp; in Church</b> )	Breathing In & Out
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Holy Communion ( <b>In Church</b> )	
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev. David Speed ( <b>In Church</b> )	Service
	6.00pm	No Service	
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Holy Communion ( <b>Zoom &amp; in Church</b> )	Evangelism
	6.00pm	No Service	

The Zoom meeting details are unchanged.

Meeting ID: 885 5454 1347 Passcode: 067087

We hope you have enjoyed the easing of some restrictions at Church, which have meant that more people can attend and we can sing together. In October we will keep the current measures in place for worship, as we continue to be vigilant of the virus. We recognise that many people continue to be nervous about meeting, so we ask that everyone continues to respect each other as we move forwards and shows the same consideration and kindness you have displayed at all the services we have had since we returned to church. If there are changes in Government or Methodist Church guidance during the month then we will advise of this at each service.

a) We still want to be able to notify people if someone at a service contracts Covid so we will continue to take a register of names and contact details. It is much easier to tick off a pre-prepared list than to write the details as people arrive, so if you are able to let the stewards know you are attending by phoning or texting the church mobile number (07546 911498) that would be appreciated, but pre-booking is not essential.

b) Face masks may not be mandatory by law, but we ask that you continue to wear them. This will help minimise the risk of transmission, especially now that we are allowed to sing again.

c) The layout of the church will remain as it is so that people can spread out if they wish even if social distancing is no longer a legal requirement.

d) If people feel nervous about singing, they are welcome to sit towards the back of church.

e) Doors and windows will continue to be opened to increase ventilation.

f) Hand sanitisation is still recommended when visiting church and hand gel will continue to be available.

### **DUTY STEWARDS**

October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.45am	Sue Perrett
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October 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Jackie Dent
	6.00pm	Pat Corah
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Kathryn Blount
	6.00pm	Rachel Jackson
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	David Coleman
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am	Val Stone

## **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MORNING WORSHIP**

The stewards are aware that one of the activities people missed most earlier in the pandemic was being able to share together in a drink and conversation after worship and we have been working to think of how we can help this to happen again at the current time. We recognise the importance of this way of being able to share in fellowship together, being able to get to know each other better, care for people and maybe even discuss the sermon! However we need to balance this with being wary that there is still a risk of covid transmission within our congregation, that many people are still nervous of meeting together and that we don't want to undo everything we are doing in our services (such as having the windows open and wearing masks) to keep worship as safe as possible.

We are aiming to trial serving coffee and tea after a morning service in October and then assess how this goes. The appropriate risk assessment is being developed and will need to be approved by the group appointed from Church Council before this goes ahead, so we will announce in the relevant service(s) when refreshments will be available. We just wanted to highlight a couple of things in advance to enable this to happen:

1. We envisage that refreshments will be table service rather than people queuing at the hatch as previously, and we will be encouraging people staying to enjoy a drink to remain seated with a group rather than mingling with everyone.
2. If the serving of refreshments after the service is to continue, we think 2 or 3 volunteers would be needed at each service to make and serve drinks, and these will need to be known in advance so that they can be prepared by having read the risk assessment. The rota for Sunday morning coffee is now on the notice board in the coffee lounge so please sign up if this is something you feel able to help with. Unfortunately, if we do not have volunteers planned in advance for any particular date then we will not be able to serve drinks on that day.

## NUTHALL NEWS

### **PRAYER STREETS**

Please remember the residents of the following streets in your prayers. Our friends at St. Patrick's Church and the churches in Kimberley are joining with us in this activity. The streets in italics are in Kimberley.

<b>October</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hollybrook Grove & Hammersmith Close <i>Dawver Road &amp; Cider Orchard Place</i>
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Osbourne Close & Willesden Green <i>Clive Crescent &amp; Strathglen Close</i>
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer Drive, Roland Avenue & Dukes Close <i>Cliff Boulevard &amp; Chapel Street</i>
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cranwell Court & Gunnersbury Way <i>West Street, Bramley Court &amp; Wentworth Court</i>
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Terrace Gardens, Spring Terrace & Springfield Farm Cottages <i>Seamer Road &amp; Blants Close</i>

### **THANK YOU**

A BIG THANK YOU for all the cards, plants, flowers, cake and cookies we have been given over the past few weeks and a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who helped on the Tuesday with all the refreshments, donations and kind words.

BLESS YOU ALL. **Margaret, Paul and Matthew**

**Gail and Colin** again thank all who gave so generously on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. The updated total donated for Maggie's and Cancer Research now stands at £160.

Thank you **to Ken Shepherd** for all his work down the years as envelope secretary.

Thank you **to Mick and Margaret Sendall** for their time looking after the Church bookings.

Thank you **from Barry** for all the cards, visits and well wishes during his recovery from hip surgery.



## **PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

There will be a Pastoral Committee Meeting on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in church. At last we can meet in person! If by any chance you are unable to attend, please give a report to Janet Wilson before the meeting.

## **WORKING DAY**

We will be having a Working Day at church on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9.00am to 12noon. There is plenty of work to do to give the church a good clean. Everyone is welcome; there will be jobs for everyone.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We have been delighted to see children and young people back in our building on Sundays, in every age group from creche in church for babies and toddlers, through morning Sunday school for those in Primary School to Late Risers for our young people on a Sunday evening. Parents and carers of children and young people already attending will be advised of dates of sessions and other information by email, but if anyone knows any children or young people who would like to attend please get in touch with Josie Wilcock, or just invite them along!

Sunday School are sorry to say goodbye to three of our leaders who have worked with children or young people in our church for many, many years. We would like to say a big thank you to Gail Brockway, Howard Gray and John Wilson who have all made a massive contribution in young people's lives for a very long time. We will greatly miss their enthusiasm, dedication, experience and passion for young people but want to wish them well as they use their talents in other areas of church life.

If anyone would like to think about joining our team of volunteers in working with children and young people in our Sunday School then we would love to talk to you! Please speak to Josie Wilcock, Andrew Charlesworth or Kathryn Blount.

## **COLOMBIA FUNDRAISING**

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to our virtual fundraising for our annual support of New Hope for Children in Colombia, we have raised £90 so far. The fundraising page is still open if you would like to help us reach our target of £200. Please speak to any of the team for details. Many thanks, Colombia 2019 team.

## **UNCONSCIOUS BIAS TRAINING**

Hopefully we are a church which offers a warm welcome to all, but the stewards team have been discussing how to make sure that we are as inclusive as possible, not discriminating against anyone or succumbing to prejudices we may not be aware of. Rev. Andrew has offered to run some "Unconscious Bias" training and we realised that this may also be interesting and relevant to others in church and anyone would be welcome to attend. The training will take place on Zoom, at 8pm on Thursday 27th November 2021 (finishing between 9pm and 9.30pm). The Zoom codes will be in the November newsletter so just save the date in your diary if you would like to attend.



## **WANTED – CHURCH TREASURER**

After too many years I feel it is time for me to stand down as Treasurer. Is there anyone willing to take on the role? It isn't too onerous and only requires fairly basic mathematical and spreadsheet skills. If interested please speak to me at

Church or drive me an email. Peter

## **STEP LADDERS**

With all of our Covid risk assessments requiring good ventilation in the building, the Church Hall windows are being opened much more regularly than previously. Not everyone is tall enough to open the windows while standing on the floor so the Property committee have provided a set of low step ladders to be used for this purpose – please use these rather than standing on a chair and keep them in the Church Hall to be readily available for all users.



## **PAUSE FOR PRAYER**

We are continuing to meet for prayer each week. On the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month this will be on Zoom at 10.00am - meeting number 487834971. In the third week we will meet in the church coffee lounge at 11.00am.

For October this will be on Zoom on the 6th, 13th and 27th and in church on the 22nd.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join us for 30 minutes of informal prayer time. We are happy for people just to listen without saying anything.

## **BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK**

We thought you would be interested to read the following:



Foodbank totals for January – April 1,888 items and £263

Foodbank totals for May – August 1,300 items and £145

Our Harvest giving brought 266 items and £56.

Many thanks for all who support our Foodbank.

John, Doug and Margaret

## **CHANGE OF BOOKING CLERKS**

Just to remind you that Jo Lievesley and Janet Barrett have recently taken over as the Church Booking Clerks. Any new bookings should now be made by phoning Jo on (0115) 9278193. Please remember that all use of the premises must be booked to prevent clashes. Also, a reminder to all church groups which are still to resume for the first time since last March - please ensure that you contact Jo to discuss a risk assessment before restarting. Thank you.



Please submit any items for the November newsletter  
by email or in person to Cathy  
or deliver to the box in church  
**by Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

# ECOCHURCH

## Top Tip for October

- Swap to bar soap instead of liquid soap- reducing plastic waste.

## Cop26

Cop26 is the annual UN climate conference. It is being held in Glasgow this year from 1-12 November 2021. In the run up to this, young Methodists from around the world have created a youth-led campaign (Climate justice for all - CJ4A) for the global Methodist family to take action on the climate crisis. The campaign workers, from Britain, Uruguay, Fiji, Zambia and Italy, have been building a network of volunteers from eleven other countries to help them. You can read about this on the Methodist website [COP26: Climate Justice for All \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk).

CJ4A invites the global Methodist family to undertake three asks as they declare 'we believe in climate justice for all':

- Listen to those with experience of the climate crisis
- Call upon representatives
- Commit to personal change

At Nuthall Methodist Church we have been participating in the Climate Sunday initiative, holding climate-focused worship to explore our relationship with creation and social justice, and participating in Eco Church initiatives to reduce our own impact as a Church on the planet. We hope you have been inspired along the way to commit to personal change. The Climate Sunday initiative is inviting people to read and sign the Climate coalition 'The time is now' declaration, which is being supported by many faith groups, organisations and individuals and is a letter to the UK prime minister, as COP26 president to:

- Unleash a clean energy revolution that boosts jobs across the UK, making our transport, power and housing fit for the future
- Protect, restore and expand our green and wild spaces; allowing nature to thrive, taking carbon from the air and boosting the nation's health
- Leave no one behind by increasing support to those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change at home and abroad

If you feel able to sign this, it can be found here <https://www.climatesunday.org/>

## DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

We are now inviting Church members and friends to provide flowers for Church each Sunday. There is a rota on the noticeboard in the Coffee Lounge. Kindly sign up especially if you can help during the next few weeks. Thank you.

### **COFFEE CORNER**

<b>October</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann & Michael	9 <sup>th</sup>
	16 <sup>th</sup>		23 <sup>rd</sup>
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Norma & Janet	

Please sign the list on the noticeboard in the Coffee Lounge if you would like to help on the vacant weeks.

### **TODDLERS DRINKS ROTA**

<b>October</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Evans & Margaret Newton
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Lander & Janice Matthews
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term – No Toddlers
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term – No Toddlers
<b>November</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gail Evans & Margaret Newton



### **MINISTER**

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### **SENIOR STEWARDS**

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Mr. David Coleman  
✉ [Nuthall@NNEMethodist.org.uk](mailto:Nuthall@NNEMethodist.org.uk)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Josie Wilcock

### **CHURCH / HALL BOOKING CLERK**

Mrs. Jo Lievesley

☎ 9278193

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sunday</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
<b>Tuesday</b>	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis Club
	8.00pm	Wives Group (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month, in homes)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall ☎ 9279500 for meeting point details)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
<b>Thursday</b>	1.30pm	Art Group
	6.15pm	Dance Yourself Fit (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month)
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri. of the month)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	7.10pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends

**Please note that most, but not all, groups have now recommenced meeting in person. We strongly advise that you check before attending.**