

Salem Methodist Church

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SALEM NEWS

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**“I have set my rainbow
in the clouds...**

the sign of the covenant”

This month Pearl returns from her sabbatical. For 3 months she has spent time in recovery , away from the restraints of ministry; in retreat, in study, in times of relaxation.

Our prayer, as she returns to ministerial duties, is that she will be refreshed and renewed, both physically and spiritually, and recovered from her health problems.

There have been lots of days with sunshine and showers this summer. Christina Rossetti wrote a poem about the sun and rain making a rainbow, making the point that you cannot have a rainbow without both sun AND rain. A rainbow is a wonderful part of God’s creation , and what an amazing lesson it is for us.

Life is a bit like a rainbow. We have our ups and downs—times of joy and times of anxiety, and together they make the tapestry of life. George Matheson knew this truth when he wrote his hymn—the third verse of which reads:-

*O joy that seeketh me through pain,
I cannot close my eyes to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

George Matheson became blind at the age of 19 but even through many tragedies in his life he was confident that God was always with him and underneath are His everlasting arms

St. Paul suffered much—probably more than we are ever called to suffer—but he was able to write to the Romans “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”. Whatever life throws at us, there is always the rainbow promise of hope following the rain

*God didn't promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow, or sun without rain,
but He did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the tears, and light for the way.
If God brings you to it,
He will bring you through it.*

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, WEDNESDAY 16.08.2017

Keith and I enjoyed a super day out when we joined the Church outing to Bourton-on-the-Water. It was a very relaxing journey admiring the scenery as we travelled through the Cotswolds on a warm and sunny morning. On arrival we succumbed to the temptation of ice-creams from the kiosk in the coach park and these were consumed as we walked into the village and wandered along to visit the church of St Lawrence. After this we visited the Motor Museum where we spent a happy hour looking at cars which were similar to ones we had owned in days of yore and which evoked memories of courting and family times! The gift shop provided goodies for little Isabel in the shape of a bright red windmill and a bag of yellow ducks. On emerging into the sunshine we found a seat in a restaurant garden where we enjoyed lunch as we watched the visitors ambling by and the dogs and children paddling safely in the River Windrush. The charity shops yielded marvellous children's books and even a blouse in my size! Now and then we met other people in the group who had visited the Model Village, Birdland and the Rainbow Bookshop. So next time we visit there will be plenty for us still to enjoy. We rounded the day off with a cream tea in a quaint tearoom before returning to the coach for another trip through the farmland and villages of the Cotswolds en route to Winterbourne

Heather Hunt

Shalom—The Rainbow Shop

In a small side street in Bourton-on-the –Water is the “Shalom—Rainbow Shop”. It is a beautiful little Christian Bookshop opened in October 2000. It was in April 2000 that the old Barclays Bank premises were put up for auction. In July a Christian couple raised money - with great faith and much prayer - to purchase the property.

It opened the following October with two small rooms—” a beacon of light to a world needing the wholeness of Shalom”. There are now three rooms—the gift shop, a children's room, built on the rainbow theme of God who keeps his promises and a “Be Still” room with a cross for prayer requests.

In October 2004 the Rainbow Refreshment Room was opened. There is no set price for the menu - just give what you can!! They call it the “Praise” room - with a wonderful array of food to tempt you.

If you are ever in Bourton-on-the-Water, visit this little haven of tranquillity and support a cause seeking to spread the word of God

News of friends and family

- ** Congratulations to Kathryn and Pete Nichols on the birth of their first grandchild. Callum Joshua was born on 28th July.
Best wishes to Luke and Rachel
- ** We continue to prayerfully support Brian Gibbs as he grieves. May God keep him in his love and care
- ** We ask your prayers for Shirley Craven as she continues her treatment . We also pray for Derek as he cares for her
- ** We are pleased that Ross MacKenzie is feeling better now after completing his radiotherapy treatment
- ** There are friends who have been unwell in recent weeks. We remember Keith Hunt, Joyce Haley and Mrs Brookman

CREAM TEAS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Let me explain. The delicious cream teas were provided by Elizabeth Rogers and Jayne Glass for the dual purpose of our enjoyment and to provide funds for Christian Aid. We used to deliver envelopes to households in Winterbourne and return to collect them a few days later. Then we struggled to do this and the response from some households was negative, envelopes were not returned, and the yield was decreasing. So the cream teas provide a win/win situation. For a £5 ticket we each enjoyed tea or coffee, scones with jam and cream, or cheese scones with pickle, Cheddar cheese and pickled onions. Then we could choose a slice or two of delicious cake from a wonderful selection of homemade cakes. The hall was filled with lively conversations as people enjoyed a sociable time with friends and relatives. The total raised for Christian Aid was £260. Well done Elizabeth and Jayne and all those who contributed to the success of the event. (including Sonia and Peggy who did all the washing up!) It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile and productive afternoon.

Heather Hunt

Church Charity

Last year's church charity was "Avon Riding for the Disabled Centre" and we were able to send 31,052 to them. Thank you for your support.

On September 1st we begin a new charity. This year we will support

Regenerate - *regenerating hope in young lives*

This local Christian charity was started nearly 20 years ago with volunteers from local churches to do schools work.

Today the work has grown, Regenerate runs assemblies, clubs, worships and one to one mentoring in 18 schools.

Elizabeth writes

I was introduced to Regenerate two years ago and have been so impressed by the real Christian care & commitment shown by the volunteers and Les the worker. A real opportunity for Christian witness, sharing the good news of the love of Jesus with children, young people, staff & parents.

On October 11th les will come to our Guild meeting to speak about the work

Do come along and hear what we will be raising money for

Women's Fellowship

The ladies will resume their meetings on Tuesday September 12th at 2.30p.m. All ladies are welcome to join this small but friendly group

12th Mr Peter Shore

19th Slides/ video

26th Mrs Chris Seward



A prayer for our nation

Lord, give us a vision for our country.
May it be a land of justice and peace.
where people do not take
unfair advantage of each other;
where all have sufficient,
and poverty and vice
will have no place to fester;
where seeking to serve others
means more than honour and success;
where order does not rest on force;
where Faith Hope and love flourish
and all work for the will of God.

The September Coffee Morning
will be on
Wednesday September 6th from 10 a.m.

Come and enjoy
a coffee, a chat and
Fellowship



Macmillan
cancer relief

Macmillan Coffee Morning
will be on

Wednesday October 4th

Cakes,, Preserves, Bring & Buy

Please support this worthy cause



Badminton Road

The new premises at Badminton
Road will opened on Saturday
October 15th a 3 p.m

Refreshments will be served after
the rededication

The work has been extensive and
is looking wonderful

We have been invited to send
representatives. If you would like
to attend please let Margaret
know asap .

Numbers are need for
catering purposes

New Room

Our proposed visit to the New
Room was postponed and will
now take place on Wednesday
September 20th.

Please meet in the coffee shop at
approx. 10.45 a.m

No. 46 bus (about 10 ish will get
us there about the right time

Entrance to the museum is £5
(seniors).

It is well worth a visit!!

Church Calendar

Friday September 1st	Day of prayer and Fasting to mark the beginning of the new Methodist year. 1p.m in New Room, Communion and Prayer stations
Saturday September 2nd	Circuit Welcome service at Victoria at 3pm
Sunday October 15th	Reopening of Badminton Road at 3p.m.
Sunday October 22nd	230th Church Anniversary
Saturday October 28th	Anniversary meal at Filton Golf Club
Saturday December 2nd	Brass, Wind and Fire Christmas Concert
Friday March 16th	Barry Walsh Band Concert
Saturday May 12th	Miscellany (Ladies choir) at 3p.m.

Harvest

Harvest Lunches will be served from 12 noon
on Saturday September 30th.

Tickets £7 from Jayne or Elizabeth

Harvest services on Sunday October 1st

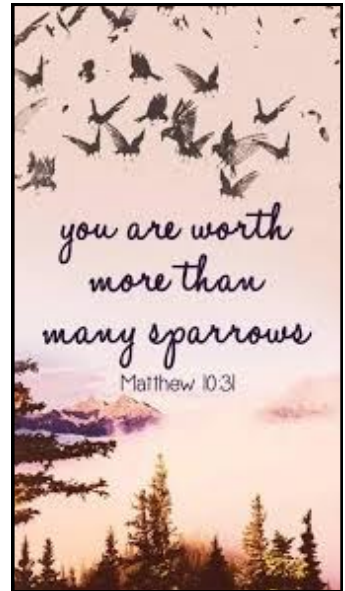
10.30 a.m. Rev. John Emmett

6 p.m. Songs of Praise led by Rev. Pearl Luxon

Preachers for September

	10.30 a.m.	6 p.m.	Flowers
3rd	Mrs V. Lear	Rev. C. Carter (S)	Mrs C. Lowe
19th	Mrs V. Lamont	Rev. S. Newell	Mrs D. Forsey
17th	Mrs J. Gilborson	Mrs V. Lear	Mrs M. Johnston
24th	Rev. P. Luxon (S)	Rev. A. Orton	Mrs J. Faithfull

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