



## ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Reflection and Prayer taken from the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022

*A Place for All*

*My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him. God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Dear friends since God loved us this much, we must love each other.*

At your Last Supper, Lord, there was a place for all, a place for disciples who believed, as well as for one who doubted. There was a place for the power seekers and the powerless, for the 'rock' who would crumble when challenged and for one who valued you at thirty pieces of silver. There was enough room.

When we are tempted to pick and choose our table companions, Lord, forgive our judgmental attitudes and help us to find room at life's table for all, marvelling that even we ourselves are among the guests. Amen  
*Stephen Bates, supernumerary presbyter and Equality and Diversity Officer,  
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly District.*

### For Our Prayers

We pray for all who are unwell, especially **Francine & Meindert Aits, Jim Baird, Barbara & Ted Bishop, Fred & Jessie Collinson, Edith Dyson, Enid Lazell, Rita Maxwell, Bernard & Sheila Powell, Shirley Pullen, Nina Seaman, Sheila Thompson, Freda Towner, Graham & Joyce Whistance, John & Marie Wilkins, Bob and Jean Want.**

**We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Merle Bown on the 13 September.** Merle and John have settled into and been an important part of our Community at St Peter's since moving here following John's retirement as a Methodist Minister. Our thoughts and prayers have been and will continue to be with John and his family. Merle's Funeral Service will take place at Barham Crematorium on Thursday 7 October, followed by a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Merle at St Peter's at 2.45 pm.

**We are also sorry to learn of the death of Joy Webster on Monday 4 October.** More details will follow when they are known.

There are others amongst our members and friends not mentioned above who are either of an age or have underlying health conditions and do not yet feel confident to come to our services and events. We pray that they are able to receive contact and support from family and friends.

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Contemplative Prayer now meets in the church on the first Wednesday in the month. 7.30-8.30pm. A quiet time together with readings and silence.

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Three years ago our daughter, Helen, set up **The Helen Davis Family Foundation (Registered Charity number 1191458)** in part to support the work of The Methodist Church and to provide educational bursaries. If you have a project in mind which may benefit from financial support, please request further details about the grant-making policy and process from [info@helendavisfamilyfoundation.uk](mailto:info@helendavisfamilyfoundation.uk).

Brian and Vicky Davis, Trustees

01303 243450

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Message from Lucy Brian:

**Unfortunately the Christian Aid Service at St Paul's scheduled for 24th October has had to be cancelled as it clashed with the United Nations Association Service.**

**UNA Service for World Peace and Climate Change Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm in the Cathedral.**

The theme is 'No Climate Action: No Peace' and the speaker is Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover. (This service is advertised in the Canterbury Festival Programme, further details for which can be obtained on the website nearer the time.)

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**Fairtrade Fair with Climate Change Exhibition**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10-3 in the Church Hall**

I'm pleased to say that after 18 months without a fair, we shall be holding an event this Autumn. There will be a Traidcraft stall with the usual favourite foods plus some Christmas goodies, a good range of crafts and Christmas cards. This year we won't be serving soup lunches but will serve drinks and snacks all day. Volunteers to be on a rota to help with serving drinks would be very welcome.

As part of Canterbury Climate Action Week there will be an exhibition on climate change and its effect on Fairtrade producers and farmers. We look forward to seeing you there. With a combination of the effects of Covid and climate change, Fairtrade producers need your support more than ever.

Please let Joy know if you would like a copy of the new Autumn/Winter catalogue. We have attached a flyer for the fair – please invite your friends to come too.

Some craft items are only available in limited numbers, so ordering early is a good idea. I'm happy to do that for you.

Joy Sharman (07890374293)

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And another event to advertise:-

**Eco-Fayre. St. Peter's Anglican Church, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. 10am to 3pm.**

See what local groups are doing to combat climate change. Includes crafts, a Traidcraft stall and refreshments.

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## Handy tips from Monica Walling

Do you use laundry liquid for your washing machine?

Try using laundry sheets, no bottles to store or throw away

Earth Breeze advertise on Facebook

Or join the Eco laundry club. These sheets are delivered to your door in a small recyclable cardboard box

Toothpaste tablets are available locally . No messy tubes of toothpaste.

There are also dishwasher tablets but I have not tried them.

Hand soap dispensers Carex do a refill pack available from Supermarkets.

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### Sunday Morning Coffee after Church

We hope to start serving coffees on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Christine needs volunteers for the rota. Please contact her on [christinewood7143@gmail.com](mailto:christinewood7143@gmail.com) mobile 07768965323

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Four years ago we made the decision to downsize to a retirement apartment overlooking Canterbury Cricket Ground. I have really enjoyed the matches especially this one as England beat New Zealand by 203 runs. David was watching the Grand Prix!

Swapping apple orchards for a cricket pitch has been an excellent decision. You do have to be a certain age to qualify!

Audrey Bigley

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### Methodist Walking Group

15 members of the Methodist Walking Group met recently for the first walk since lockdown, at Goodnestone Park.

Whilst it was a good time to start the walks again it was also an opportunity to remember the leader for many years, Marian Youngman, who had died of natural causes during lockdown. Revd Harvey Richardson led a short prayer remembering Marian before we started.

The group agreed that the walks should continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and at least three people have agreed to lead the walks.

The walks are usually about 4 miles and end up with a small optional meal afterwards. If anybody is interested they can contact me for further details.

Paul Merrywest. Email [paul.merrywest3@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.merrywest3@btinternet.com)

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### Church Flowers

Sally and Sue would like to thank everybody for their generous donations to the Flower Fund. If anybody would like to join the arrangers please contact Sally on 01227 451169. There is no need to be skilled, general help would be welcome



## Thursday 21 October Little Amal, a 3.5 metre-tall puppet of a young refugee girl, is coming to Canterbury

Amal (meaning 'hope') has been created by the Handspring Puppet Company (who made War Horse) and represents all displaced children, many separated from their families. Between July and November 2021, she is travelling over 8,000 km from the Syria/Turkey border across Europe to the UK, embodying the urgent message "Don't forget about us". We are invited to celebrate her progress, cheer her on her journey, and help raise awareness of young refugees throughout the world. Amal will arrive in Canterbury and be greeted at the cathedral on the evening of Wednesday 20 October. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> she will leave the cathedral at

12 noon, accompanied by school children, and walk to the University of Kent campus. At 7 p.m. the Refugee Tales project will present an evening of tales and music in the Gulbenkian Theatre. Tickets £10 (students £5) can be obtained at [The Walk: Refugee Tales welcomes Little Amal - Gulbenkian \(thegulbenkian.co.uk\)](https://thegulbenkian.co.uk).

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Readers may recall that I work closely with an NGO based in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: Women's Public Union Erayim. Projects are financed largely through our UK-based charity, Erayim Aid Trust UK. Together we put on regular professional development courses for Kyrgyz teachers of English. After a break during the pandemic, we have started to think about the next course at some stage in 2022, as soon as it is safe to travel to Central Asia again. For the moment we are waiting for more of the population to be vaccinated, although the UK FCDO is now happy for us to travel, just as the Kyrgyz authorities have relaxed their quarantine restrictions for incomers. We are planning for the 2022 course to take place in the southwestern town of Bazar Korgon, close to the border with Uzbekistan.

I normally take three or four native English speakers to deliver the fortnight's course. For our next mission, we would welcome a couple more keen people who could contribute in any way, if only talking with the teachers on an individual or small-group basis to improve their oral skills. Any other English-language based input would be a bonus. Volunteers need to find about £10 per day for accommodation in selected local families and pay for their own flights, although we're considering helping out if necessary, especially with insurance. There is no need for visas and age is not an issue! In return, volunteers have the chance to help enrich lessons for the next generation of Kyrgyz children, experience living in a totally different culture and have the opportunity to travel around the region at either end of the course and during the middle weekend. They are in totally safe hands with the efficient and dedicated team from our Bishkek NGO HQ.

Do drop me a line if you are at all interested: [admin@erayim-aid-trust.uk](mailto:admin@erayim-aid-trust.uk). *Vicky Davis*

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## Richard Walking!



On a section of the E4 long distance footpath between Paleochora and Sougia in south eastern Crete last month. It was very hot, quite strenuous and decidedly beautiful and most important of all, he survived it!

Well done Richard!



## World Homeless Day

World Homeless Day is one of the biggest days of the year in our calendar at Catching Lives and a time for us to make sure everyone in the city knows who we are and what we do. Last year, you may have seen our tents on Rheims Way, displaying statistics regarding homelessness. We have updated these for 2021 and will be displaying them again along Rheims Way in the days running up to World Homeless Day. We'll be in the City Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> October so please come and say hello to us and you should also see some of our 'Scan to donate' posters up around the City Centre, in businesses and shops. If you're a business owner and could accommodate one of our posters for World Homeless Day, please let us know so that we can bring you a poster to display, via [fundraising@catchinglives.org](mailto:fundraising@catchinglives.org).

**Catching Lives are seeking to employ a Co-ordinator and Deputy to run the Canterbury Community Shelter.** This is a rolling night shelter that houses the rough sleepers of Canterbury during the winter months. It is a varied, challenging and rewarding job that involves being responsible for the set up and running of a 24 hour a day shelter operation that will run for 3 months (1st December 2021 to 28th February 2022).

The working week will require both the Coordinator and deputy to be flexible, managing and co-ordinating the shelter at each of its seven church venues from the central hub that is Canterbury Open Centre. This includes training, building and maintaining a strong team of Project Workers and volunteers, numbering 60 or more.

If you think you're up to the challenge, take a look at our [website](#) for more details.

I am planning to produce Another Newsletter at the beginning of November. If you have any news or events you would like to share with others at St Peter's please let me know by Sunday 31 October.  
email [jenny.deven@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.deven@btinternet.com). (Postal address will be supplied on request).



