

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

We all have stumbling blocks. What is most important is turning them into stepping stones.

PRAYERS

Lord, inspire me to give of my best and make good use of the talents you have given me. Show me how to be positive in attitude, appreciating and valuing others, always being ready to encourage and give praise.

Sometimes I draw conclusions about people in terms of what I think is meant by "success" and "failure", but the "failure" of one person might count as a great "success" of someone with other talents. Lead me never to judge people but to accept others as they are, knowing that it is together, each with our differences, that we build up your Kingdom. Amen.

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Please ensure all information for the newsletter is received by 8.00 pm Thursday evenings.

(email: notices@ripleymethodist.co.uk)

WELCOME TO RIPLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Superintendent Minister

Rev Phil Taylor

(01773 - 822484)

SUNDAY 27th January 2013

Service led By Peter Morley @ 10.45 am

Junior church @ 10.45 am

Worship Time led by Chris W.

Music provided by Tony. The Steward is Roy R.

Freda has provided the flowers.

MONDAY

Derbyshire Wish Charity 10.00 - 12 noon

Bee Fit 4 Kidz 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Waist Wise 6.30 - 8.30 pm

A.A. 7.00 - 9.00 pm

TUESDAY

Mother & Toddler 9.00 - 11.00 am

Panto Dress Rehearsal - 7.00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Green Hillocks 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Bee Fit 4 Kidz 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Keep Fit 7.00 - 8.00 pm

THURSDAY

Panto - 7.30 pm

FRIDAY

Panto - 7.30 pm

SATURDAY

Panto 2.00 pm & 7.30 pm

SUNDAY 3rd February 2013

Service will be led By Alison Wood @ 10.45 am
Junior Church @ 10.45 am.
Worship Time will be led TBC.
The Steward will be Elaine.
Music will be provided by Tony.
Rosamond & Angela will provide the flowers.

IN OUR CIRCUIT

Nothing to report this week

FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH

CAFÉ CHURCH

Sunday February 10th Cafe Church 5pm, led by Caroline East.
Sunday March 10th Cafe church at 5pm, led by David Fearn.

BEETLE DRIVE & PANCAKES

Tuesday February 12th- Shrove Tuesday! 7pm start. Adults £3
children £2. Names to Chris W please! Do Come !! Proceeds for
the Building Fund.

MUSIC FOR A SPRING EVENING

Saturday April 20th 7.30pm, 'Music for a Spring Evening' with
Mark Briggs and friends. Tickets £5 including light refreshments.
from Chris W. Mark is a renowned and remarkable musician on
key board and organ, and we are delighted he has offered to
come along with some of his students (past and present) to give
us an evening of music. Bring your friends! Don't miss it! If you
would like to help, please see Chris.
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DID YOU KNOW

CANDLEMAS 2nd February 2013

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. Ritual purification stems back to a Jewish tradition that women were considered unclean after the birth of a child. For 40 days for a boy, and 60 days for a girl, women weren't allowed to worship in the temple. At the end of this time, women were brought to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified. After the ceremony women were allowed to take part in religious services again. The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed. On Candlemas night, many people place lighted candles in their windows at home. Like some other Christian festivals, Candlemas draws some of its elements from Paganism. In pre-Christian times, it was the festival of light. This ancient festival marked the mid point of winter, half way between the winter solstice (shortest day) and the spring equinox. Some people lit candles to scare away evil spirits on the dark winter nights. People believed that Candlemas predicted the weather for the rest of the winter. For some people, different superstitions surround this festival. For instance, if a candle drips on one side when carried in church on Candlemas, this denotes a death of a family member during the year. If someone brings snowdrops into the house on Candlemas day it symbolises a parting or death. Any Christmas decorations not taken down by Twelfth Night (January 5th) should be left up until Candlemas Day and then taken down.

**Amber Valley
Methodist Circuit
Lent Courses 2013**

Holbrook Moor

Mondays, 25th Feb 9.30am, 4th, 11th and 18th March 10am

"Just Walk Across The Room" – Four sessions, based on material by Bill Hybels, to equip and inspire us to extend compassion to those who need a touch of God's love. Contact Caroline East (07538 739028/carolineeastowc@gmail.com) for further details.

Ambergate

2pm commencing 18th Feb

The York Course "Glimpses of God – Hope for Today's World." Contact Rev Susan Chambers (01332 842025) for further details.

Kilburn ,15 Park Close, DE56 0PS

Tuesdays , 26th Feb, 5th, 12th and 19th March, 7.30pm

"Just Walk Across The Room" (See above for details)

Ripley

Wednesdays, commencing 20th Feb, 7.30pm

The York Course "Glimpses of God – Hope for Today's World" Contact Rev. Phil Taylor on 01773 822484

ALL WELCOME

FURTHER INFORMATION

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like us to pray for anyone through our prayer chain please contact Wendy on 01773 512367.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

No meeting January

Next meet Monday February 4th 2013 Speaker Rev Phil Taylor

CHURCH BOOKINGS

Please contact Tony Wright

01773 - 745072 - Mobile 07814448419.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Wednesday Bible Study group next meet to be arranged soon.

Thursday Bible Study group next meet at Sue Dean's

February 21st at 7.45pm. All Welcome.

BUILDING FUND MEETING

The next meeting is on Tuesday 5th February at Porterhouse Road at 7:30pm

LOCAL PREACHERS MEETING

Wednesday 6th February 2013 7.30 pm @ Horsley Woodhouse.

STEWARDS' MEETING

Thursday 7th February 2013 7.30 pm @ Jennifer's.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN (National Children's Home)

Please can you let Elaine have your boxes as soon as possible.

CHURCH CHARITY

'Buy a Brick' appeal, to help build the new Church in Poiana, Romania. Please support, if you have not already done so. Details are in the foyer.

SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN AND A HALF DWARFS

Panto tickets - Adults £5 children £3. See Chris W.

Performances are :- Thursday 31st January 2013 7.30 pm,
Friday 1st February 7.30 pm, Saturday 2nd February 2.00 pm @
7.30 pm.

IMPACT (Active Christian Discipleship)

Committed to Christ, growing in Faith, Changing the World

Do you want to explore your Discipleship. A introduction evening
will be held at Skegby Methodist Church, 153 Mansfield Road,
Skegby, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 3DX on Tuesday 29th January
7.15pm for 7.30 pm - 9.20 pm.

See Poster in Foyer for more information.

CHRISTIAN GIGGLES

Two gentlemen boarded a coast-to-coast flight and were seated
next to each other on the commercial plane.

After breezing through the on-flight magazine, the first man
turned to the other and asked, what do you do? The gentleman
replied: "I am a pastor of a church."

"Oh," said the first man quickly. "I don't believe in this religious
stuff. It's for kids, you know, like the song 'Jesus Loves Me This
I know, for the Bible tells me so....'"

The minister politely laughed and asked the other man what he
did for a living.

"I am an astronomer," said the first man.

"Oh, that stuff," said the minister. I thought it was just for kids,
you know - 'Twinkle, twinkle little star....'"

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

NOTTINGHAM & DERBY DISTRICT

District Day

On 13th March @ Dale Rd, Darley Dale, DE4 2FT, Coffee 10.30
am, Business meeting 11.00 am, Lunch 12.30 pm, Afternoon
service 2.00 pm Rev. Andrew Baker. Please bring packed lunch
registration £2.

Days of Fellowship

March 18th,19th,20th,21st & 22nd March 2013

This years days of fellowship at Willersley Castle led by Mrs
Kathleen Pearson her theme will be "Gods Woman" Times -
10.45 am - 3.45 pm. (Coffee 10.00 - 10.30 am)

Cost - £12.50 includes £2 non refundable deposit.

Closing date for booking must be completed by 25th February
2013.

Evening Meal

Thursday 2nd May 2013 @ Willersley Castle 6.45 pm open to all
MWIB ladies to share an evening of fellowship together.

Cost - £15.50 Inc. after Dinner speaker. Closing date for book-
ing must be completed by 16th April 2013

**For further information on the above please see posters
in foyer or see Jennifer Thacker who will be more than
pleased to help you book.**