

St John's Methodist Church



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>>>Peter's day off is Friday<<<



WEEKLY OFFERING

I have, as Treasurer, received an email from the District Treasurer asking each church to look at their finances & assess how we anticipate being able to meet our financial commitments over the coming months. We will be in receipt of no cash offerings, lettings or fundraising income & all essential bills must be paid including our assessments for May & August, staff salaries, utilities & insurance.

I would, therefore, encourage everyone to prayerfully consider whether they could continue to make their weekly/monthly offering by standing order or a Bacs payment to the St. John's account. If you have internet banking, a regular standing order or a Bacs payment can be set up very easily & would ensure that there is some sort of cashflow to boost our balance & cover expenses. I will provide Sort Code & Account Number as required or if anyone has any questions please contact me by email carolesouthall102@gmail.com or telephone 01623 558296. If you are part of the envelope scheme, you could just write on your envelope the amount of your giving but I will keep a separate record anyway for Gift Aid purposes. I can also accept cheques if anyone wants to pop them through my letterbox. I send them to CFB in London

Please continue to stay in touch with each other & pray that our fellowship at St John's will demonstrate it's unity even while we are apart.
Carole Southall

The Last Word

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a babysitter."

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ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH



**"We are united by the love of Jesus.
We will support one another in love
and, through worship and service,
work together to share the
good news of Jesus with everyone."**

Mary Aldous

(8 Jan 1932 - 11 Apr 2020)



The Funeral Service for Mary will take place at Mansfield Crematorium on Monday, 27th April at 3pm. As you can appreciate in these current times, it is family only. It is anticipated that we will hold a Service of Thanksgiving & a Buffet at St John's in the future, (hopefully later this year?).

Christine (Mary's daughter), has asked me to let you know that if anyone wishes to "page the hearse"/pay respect by standing on the roadside on or around Mabel Avenue next Monday, from 2.25pm, you are welcome to do so. (I would suggest no more than 12/14 people, spaced safely on the pavement around AW Lymn Funeral Home round towards Mary's home.

However, & Christine is in agreement of course, please do not feel you must do this & bear in mind social distancing -do not offer to pick someone up for example or share transport. Certainly, if you feel you cannot come outdoors, please do stay at home.

The document "The Methodist short service for those who cannot be present at a funeral" accompanies this newsheet & can also be found at www.methodist.org.uk Perhaps you could sit in your lounge or garden, maybe light a candle at 3pm next Monday & be present for Mary, by God's Spirit, wherever you are at home.

Please continue to hold Christine & Stephen in your prayers at this time.

Rev Peter Taylor



As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

Psalm 42:1

