

# Brackley Methodist Church

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## Welcome to worship.

If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to one of the Stewards and join us for coffee after the service.

An induction loop provides sound for hearing aid wearers during worship.

## This week

|      |               |   |
|------|---------------|---|
| Sun  | 10.30         | Morning Service led by Rev Pat Olivent Hayes followed by lunch & Church AGM |
| Mon  | 9.30          | Noah's Ark – Enid Keble & Jackie Goodman                                    |
| Tue  | 12.30<br>2.30 | Church Lunch<br>Tuesday Fellowship – Launton Handbell Ringers               |
| Wed  |               |   |
| Thur |               |   |
| Fri  | 10-12         | Friday Coffee Morning – Janet & Bill Crisp                                  |
| Sat  |               |   |
| Sun  | 10.30         | Morning Service led by David Lewis  |

Information for the next **Notice sheet** should reach Sonia Keen (23 College House telephone 703254 [sonia.keen@btinternet.com](mailto:sonia.keen@btinternet.com)) by 9 am Thursday

If you have anything for the **Church Website** you can contact Ali Bromhall at [ali.bromhall@gmail.com](mailto:ali.bromhall@gmail.com)

## Praying....

Please consult the Prayers board in the Hall. Requests for prayer may be pinned there. This week we pray for the church at Bicester. Please pray for the following preachers who are elsewhere today. Malcolm at Towcester (10.30) & Gawcott (6pm).

## Serving....

Today:

|         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| flowers | Barbara Green                |
| steward | Bill Crisp                   |
| welcome | Margaret Bolton & Alice Ross |
| music   | Vera Douglas                 |
| coffee  | Brenda Markham               |

Next week:

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| flowers | Joan Riddell               |
| steward | Debbie Munn                |
| welcome | Roger Geyton               |
| music   | Lynne Cargill              |
| coffee  | May Ellis & Dorothy Glover |

**Please note that I will need items for the next Notice Sheet by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

# News....

**Action for Children Collection 2019.** WELL DONE and a big THANK YOU to all collectors. The “at home” Lantern Box Collection for 2018-2019 raised a total of £742.38. This is a slight decrease on last year’s collection. Thank you for your continued commitment in reaching this total. Along with this, a cheque for £250 from our budgeted giving and the sum of £50.10 from Silverstone and Steeple Claydon box holders, meant I was able to bank a grand total of £1042.48, a GREAT RESULT!

Action for Children is the Methodist Children's Charity and it does such valuable

work with vulnerable children and their families and is very reliant upon the good will and generosity of collectors like you. If you do not have an “at home” collecting box, PLEASE, PLEASE consider having one and see Gareth today because “every little helps”. Thank you. Gareth

## Care and Prayer.

You are invited to Vera's home on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May** between 10am and 12 noon for Care and Prayer. It will include coffee or tea. This will be once a month.

Next meetings June 20th & July 18th.

Do come, it's good to share. ,and Prayer changes things.

Vera Douglas, 8, Cross Keys Court, Brackley. NN136PH. Tel. 702596

**Towcester Methodist Church 22nd May.** The Northampton Salvatyion Army Songsters Concert at 7.30pm. Free admission and refreshments. All welcome. See poster in the shchool room.

# Reminders....

## Sunday Coffee

Vera Douglas and Cherry Almy are not able to continue on the coffee rota.This will leave three couples who are, quite understandably, not able to commit to doing coffee every third week, therefore we need more people to make the coffee.

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# Pause for Thought...

It was just a card ...

All shall  
be well

When I visited my nephew, then a vicar in Suffolk, a year ago I was prevailed upon to stay an extra day as the clergy from the deanery were going by coach to visit Mother Julian's chapel in Norwich and there was a spare place for me.

In the bookshop there I bought an attractive postcard with the well known words of Mother Julian "All shall be well, and all shall be well; all manner of things shall be well". I put the card in my prayer book and there it stayed until several months later I received a phone call from one of my Northumbria Community friends asking me to pray for her. Her life, she said, was falling apart, she had lost her job and temporarily at least, her faith. She felt, she said, completely at sea. I remembered the card and sent it to her with a message of support on the back, and she put it in her Bible.

Several weeks later she phoned me again, this time to say she was about to start a new job, her life had got back together again and prayers had been answered. Then she told me about the card. She had woken up one morning and suddenly felt prompted to take it out and put it in her window of her front room which faces on to the street - the card could be clearly read from outside. A week later there came a knock on her door and a strange young man was standing there, said he'd read the words on the card and could he come in and talk to her. Rather hesitantly, she invited him in and offered him a cup of tea. He told her he'd won a scholarship to Oxford University but found the pressure too much and had suffered a severe nervous break-down. My friend, having had a similar experience, was able to help him and he went away more hopefully than he had set out.

At a 'Churches Together' meeting a week or two later she met the boy's mother, who told her that her son had not spoken one word to her or anyone since coming home from Oxford until that day he'd read the card and come into my friend's house for help. He was now fully recovered and had recommenced his studies, this time successfully. A series of coincidences - or was it the intervention of the Holy Spirit? What do you think?

May all be well for you this coming week.

With my love and prayers

Rev Pat