

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 & Holy Communion led by Rev Pat Olivent Hayes
Mon	9.30	Noah's Ark – Joe & Sheila Bowley
Tue	2.30	Tuesday Fellowship – Rev Pat
Wed		
Thur		
Fri	10-12	Friday Coffee Morning – Joyce & George Wallace
Sat		
Sun	10.30	Morning Service led by Rev Steve Mann

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

If you have anything for the **Church Website** you can contact Ali Bromhall at ali.bromhall@gmail.com

Praying....

Please consult the Prayers board in the Hall. Requests for prayer may be pinned there.

Serving....

Today:

flowers	Jean Bowker
steward	Helen Evans
welcome	Margaret Bolton & Alice Ross
music	Vera Douglas
coffee	Norma Phillips & Nbeth Miskimmon

Next week:

flowers	Louise Aird
steward	Bill Crisp
welcome	Roger Geyton & Sonia Keen
music	
coffee	May Ellis & Dorothy Glover

News....

Sunday Coffee

On some Sundays on the new rota there is nobody to do coffee. There are volunteers to make the coffee and prepare this before the service but people will be needed to serve the coffee and help to wash up afterwards. If enough people volunteer to do this they may only be needed once on each rota. Please think about this and let Sonia or the stewards know if you can assist with this.

We need more **Pastoral Visitors** as we are unable to allocate a visitor to every person in the church Directory. If you would like to know more about this role please speak to Sonia or any of the current visitors.

Rev Pat

Howard & Norma Phillips would like to thank everybody for their cards and kind messages of support during Howard's recent illness.

Pause for Thought.....

I have been reflecting on all the different people that have come into the church at different times. We have our usual groups of people from Noah's Ark, Tuesday Fellowship, Friday Coffee Morning and activities with U3A to name a few as well as our regular church activities. As I have reflected upon all these people who have come into the church, I have thought at times, why do we do what we do?

What is our aim and purpose in doing the things that we do as a church?

Throughout the bookings we have had opportunities to serve many different people at different times and through serving people and showing people general care and a willingness to go that extra mile, it does make an impact.

We often have regular challenges to speak about our faith, but I think here is one that is just as powerful, we must continue to serve people, with the love of Christ.

I recall that Jesus came to serve and not to be served. Philippians reminds us that our attitudes should be the same as that of Jesus Christ, and again Philippians Christ-like attitude is a vital part of who we are.

All that we do as a church, whatever group we are part of or involved with, whether it is tea's and coffee's, work with young people, home groups whatever it might be, we do so because we want to serve people and show them the love of Jesus.

What are our lives about? Do we just want people serving us or do we want to be a servant, someone willing to give there all, to go that extra mile, to show people that we do care for them and will do anything for them, because that is the example that Christ has given to us. I pray that we all find joy in the many different ways we are called to serve God in this church and the community in which God has placed us.

I often have to take a step back from the pressures and busyness of life to remember that it is a joy and privilege to serve God, do everything without complaining (Phil 2: 14) but do everything with joy in our hearts. If we have forgotten that joy of serving my prayer is that we would all find that space to remember the importance of what we do.

What you do with your lives and with the gifts God has given you makes a difference. Let us continue to do all that can to serve our God the one who has shown us what it means to serve.

Jesus says to His disciples in John 13 that it is important that we serve and His final words are “now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them” (John 13:17).

This coming week may you all be please as you continue on your journey with the Risen Lord and may you know great peace and joy as we bring the news of abundant life to others.

With my thanks for all you do

Love and prayers

Rev Pat

