

Pilgrims Way Congregational & Methodist Church



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Newsletter for week beginning 10th January 2020

14:00 Worship Service on Zoom

Dates for Your Diary –

Sun – 10 th January	10:30am – YouTube Newham Circuit Worship Service
Tues – 12 th Jan	6-7pm – Youth group on Zoom Theme 'Prayer' do come with questions
Tues – 12 th Jan	7:30-9pm – Zoom Bible study - Questions about God, come with any questions
Thurs – 14 th Jan	7:30-9pm – Zoom Pastoral Care training, book your place
Thurs – 14 th Jan	2pm - Zoom Worship service
Sun 17 th Jan	12:15pm – Zoom PW Church meeting follow by 2pm Zoom worship service

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral visit, please let Nigel, or one of the Elders or the church office know. See Nigel's and the Church telephone numbers above.

Prayer Requests

The Elders are available to pray with you after the service today and also during the week for any needs and concerns which have been brought to them.

Text for the Week– “When you pass through the waters I will be with you”..... Isaiah 43:2

Do phone someone from Church you do not normally chat to. Like having coffee after Service.

Do send your Prayer request to Nigel Mary Weathley - diagnosed with cancer.

Contact Nigel to chat or for help pastornigel19@yahoo.co.uk 020 8548 4945

New Year Message - A Happy New Year to you all as we step out in Faith, know that we have a God who loves us and want the best for us. This is a time of Challenge and of Change. For many Change is not easy and can be scary, but sometimes we need a shake to energise us. I think it is exciting what God has in store for us as we do new things together.

Encounter Course - starting 30th January - Visit our London LN website Encounter London Methodist Learning Hub. Do have a read and then pass the info on to anyone who you think would benefit from participating. As you can see, there are testimonials from a few of those who have previously engaged with the programme. Facilitating the Encounter programme is an area of work that I genuinely enjoy as it enables me to journey alongside those who are seeking to discern God's call for their lives - your help to 'spread the word' would be much appreciated. Sharon.

From Methodist District Newsletter 5th Jan 2021

Last night's announcement by our Prime Minister may not have come as too much of a surprise and you may be contemplating what churches should do. This is a decision to be made by the church trustees and we would stress the importance of a full and robust risk assessment as part of the considerations. Please do ensure that you regularly check the [government website](#) for updated information, as well as the [Methodist Church's dedicated coronavirus pages](#), and the [District's Covid-19 pages](#).

Church AGM - I can hear you all saying but we have just had one. True, but we are changing to months to fit more with the Methodist calendar. So, our Next AGM will be on Sunday 21st March. We have a great new team who started this week, but Both Gillian and Carol will be coming to the end of their term and they will need to be replaced. If you are interested do speak to Nigel. The commitment is for 3 years and usually for a monthly meeting and some action between time. We also need a Complaints officer, More for Youth and Children activity, People to take charge of a notice-board, Publicity, Musicians, Health and Safety, DBS checker, and more do think about it and speak to Rosetta or Nigel.

Church to Stay Closed - PW and HSS are now meeting on Zoom. From this week HSS at 11am and PW at 2pm. If you would like the link for the other service do ask. The Circuit YouTube service will be available.

Prayer Meeting - In my past Churches we have held a regular weekly prayer meeting for 30 minutes. I think we need to do the same although timing is always an issue. I will start it on Wed 13th Jan, 5.15- 5.45pm. If this time is not good as some of you will be finishing work let me know and we can move it. We may need a couple of times. This will be for short bullet prayers from all on Zoom.

Book and Puzzles - If you have books and Puzzles that you want to exchange over this time let Nigel know and if you live in East Ham we can collect and exchange.

Circuit Ash Wednesday Service - 17th Feb at 6pm.

Possible Weekend Away together - 2nd – 4th July 2021??

Core Skills in Family Ministry - (2-part Course) Wed 20th & 27th Jan 2021.

Weekly Reflection – January 10th

Promise to God and Others

On these Sundays the Methodist Churches members make promises to God about their commitment to Him and the service they will give.

I wonder if anyone puts what they have promised into action? I know as a Scout we make a promise and we repeat that promise at an annual renewal, but some of what we say is difficult to keep up all the time (See from the covenant.)

In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God. We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us, to renew the Covenant which bound them and binds us to God.

This means that, by the help of the Holy

Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us,
and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done:

some are easy, others are difficult;

some bring honour, others bring reproach;

some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests,

others are contrary to both;

in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;

in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ,
who strengthens us.

It is never easy to keep to our promise but with God help we can. The passage we read from Jeremiah talks of the law being part of us on our minds and heart and not external. Something that is part of us and not inflicted and policed by others, but our own doing. Something in that connection between you and your God.

This year has started with Challenges but if you have that relationship and connection with your God you will be helped on the way. Even with small Faith God will walk with us.

I talk lots about the body of Christ in this community and you are part of the unique body and we all have a role to play so that Church functions in the right way. This year find your role and run with it we need you as God has a big plan for His Church in 2021.

I pray that God helps you discern your role in 2021

Nigel

For Our Prayers

<i>Colin, Clare & Ciaran Rodway</i>	<i>Following the passing of Pauline Rodway</i>
<i>The Dubar family</i>	<i>Following the passing of Eva Dubar</i>
<i>Mercy (Ben's wife)</i>	<i>Released from hospital and recovering at home</i>
<i>Mary Weathley</i>	<i>Diagnosed with cancer</i>
<i>Roxanne Bashir</i>	<i>Receiving treatment</i>
<i>The Church</i>	<i>For God's grace and guidance to all as we enter a new year</i>

*Unemployed people seeking work
 All those suffering from cancer/ dementia
 All those who are housebound or in Care Homes
 Those receiving ongoing medical treatment or awaiting/
 receiving/ recovering from surgery
 All those finding life stressful
 The situations in Iraq/ Iran/ Afghanistan/ Syria/ Israel/ Gaza/ Yeman/ Nigeria*

Please give notices to Mary King. All submissions to be received before Wednesday evening for inclusion in the next issue. Leave a message or e-mail: mary.eninfulking@btinternet.com

London District Weekend Away Friday 23 - Sunday 25 July 2021

Have you booked to come to the Weekend Away? You are welcome to join us for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation and reflection mixed with workshops, entertainment and Bible study; with the beautiful Hertfordshire countryside setting the scene. We'll also be joined by Professor Anthony Reddie and Revd Dr Elaine Heath. Sounds lovely no? Book your ticket via [Eventbrite](#) or [visit the website](#) for more information.

Can you write a prayer for the next Methodist Prayer Handbook?

The theme for the 2021-22 Methodist Prayer Handbook is 'A Place for All', and reflects the wider aim of the Methodist Church, to become a more inclusive and diverse Church. Submissions are now being received for the Handbook, so if you would like to pen a prayer please do read through the full submission guidelines [available here](#) before emailing the [Prayer Handbook Team](#) with your contribution. Please note that the deadline for submissions is Monday 11 January 2021.

Be Intergenerational: How to Create an Intergenerational Church Friday 29 January 11am - 12.30pm - Youth and Children's Coordinator, Brian Smith, will be joining forces with Gail Adcock and The Well to bring you a webinar on becoming an intergenerational church and why it matters. In addition, the session aims to highlight the benefits of being intergenerational as well as sharing some useful resources and tools. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Lockdown, Disability and the Church: A Conversation about Inclusion Wednesday 27 January 6.30pm - 8pm -The London Learning Network will be hosting an event exploring disability inclusion, the impact of lockdown on Inclusion and a space for Q&A. For more information and to book a place, please [visit Eventbrite](#).

Help in this COVID SEASON - Wellbeing exercises for Young People East London Boxing Academy – Mental Health Partnership for Young People. It's a mixture of physical and mental exercises. Online session every Saturday 10:30am Free for all to join Password: FitMind
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86983254245?pwd=WURVbE00QUtNZ3JwYVpickJlbXI4dz09>
