

# **Hinckley Methodist Church Community Notices**

**Sunday 15th November 2020**



Deer at Bradgate Park near Leicester.

Bradgate is still open as a place of personal exercise but social distancing rules remain.

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**Items for Church Notices**

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## **Resources for Worship at home for those shielding**

Google 'Methodist Worship at Home' - usually the first item on the resulting list is 'www.methodist.org.uk>worship>seasons-andthemes' which will offer one 'Worship during the coronavirus pandemic' - then scroll down a bit and worship at home sheets are there. If you can access them online please do as it saves the church money and the volunteers their time BUT for those who still need copies delivering please let Richard know.

## **Zoom Worship**

Topic: Hinckley Methodist Cluster Worship

Time: Sunday from about 10,20 - worship begins 10.30am

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## **Prayers for week 16th November**

Mon 16th Nov – Help us today, Lord, to see something of the beauty of our fragile world and your unbreakable love. .

Tues 17th Nov – Help us, Lord, to live today with vigorous joy, proper care and unshakable peace.

Wed 18th Nov – God of love, help us today to watch for you carefully, work for you simply and rest in you gratefully – Amen.

Thurs 19th Nov – When your way is hard to find, guide my next step, when life is hard to bear, help me through the day – Amen.

Friday 20th Nov – God of encouragement, help us to remember that the journey of one thousand miles begins with the first step.

Sat 21st Nov – Lord, when we com to you, we find you have already come to us. Help us not to turn our eyes from you but to be glad in your presence.

Sunday 22nd Nov – As we put our hand together in prayer, may we point to you, embrace the world and clasp our neighbours – Amen.

This month we pray in our Methodist Circuit for the church at Newbold Verdon

## **Remaining Worship this quarter**

As we enter the November Lockdown there can be no public worship at church.

Sunday November 15th - Hinckley Cluster Zoom worship

Sunday November 22nd—Hinckley Cluster Zoom worship

Sunday November 22nd—4pm Messy Church via Zoom

Sunday November 29th Advent) Hinckley Cluster Zoom worship

## **If Lockdown finished on December 2nd we return to the Plan -**

Sunday December 6th 10.30 -Gift Service—Rev'd Pat

Sunday December 13th—**6pm** –Time To Remember

Sunday December 20th—**4pm**– Carol Service –Gwen Coley

Thursday Christmas Eve December 24th—**4pm** Christingle at church and on Zoom—look out for further details

Thursday Christmas Eve December 24th—**11.30pm** Christmas Midnight Communion—Rev'd Patricia

Friday Christmas Day December 25th—**10.45am** —Christmas morning worship

Sunday December 27th—**Circuit Zoom Service - Hinckley Church Closed.**

## **Worship next quarter—January-March 2021**

At our Church Council held on Thursday 29th October on Zoom it was agreed that as the restrictions due to the Corvid situation looks likely to continue we will continue to have one Sunday service at 10.30am.

## **The Methodist Conference declared 2020/2021 a year of prayer**

A prayer for God to break through in the life of our churches:

God of love, God for all,  
your purposes are more beautiful than we can possibly imagine.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.  
Help us let go of all that holds us back.  
Open our lives and our churches to new seasons of humility and  
faith, of change and growth.  
Shake us up with the Good News of Jesus and show us the way.  
Amen

## **Christmas Meal at Taste Restaurant cancelled**

A small number of us were going to go to The Taste Restaurant at Leicester College for the Churches Annual Christmas Meal.

Due to the second lockdown this is now cancelled. I have been able to book 30 places for next year on

WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2021, so put the date in your diary! From Ruth Peach

## **Church Magazine**

Items for the Christmas Edition of the Church Magazine which will return after its Covid vacation need to be sent to Richard Smith by Monday November 16th please.

newsletter@hickleymethodist.org.uk

## **Correction**

Last week's article about the Cenotaph contained a mistake. It was of course designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and not Edward! Thanks to Janet Wood for spotting the mistake. Richard

Let your Light Shine!

We are asking the community of Hinckley Circuit to join us this Christmas in a community event that will spread light, love, and hope this Christmas time.



The idea is to place an angel in our windows and then to shine a light on the angel, angels could be knitted, crocheted or a picture. If you would like to go a little further and have a full nativity scene in your window, then please do so.

I really hope that in this very small way we can spread the Good News of the Christmas story just as the angels came to tell the Good news.

It would be fantastic if we could get enough households with Angels in their windows to be able to do a walking trail for the community to enjoy finding the angels along the way.

If you would like a knitted or crochet pattern to make an angel for yourself or someone else, please do get in touch.

If you would like your angel or nativity scene to be marked on a map so the community can enjoy them then please email me your address.

Wouldn't it be great to light up the whole of our circuit and spread light, love, and hope in this exceedingly difficult time for everyone?

Every blessing Claire Sutcliffe

Children and Families Ministry Enabler  
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## **What is AlterNativity about? .....doing Christmas differently**

'Life Gifts' for your friends and family to help the poorest and neediest people at home and abroad.

AlterNativity is an annual event held on a Saturday in November with the aim of promoting a different view of Christmas giving. It helps those in need or difficulty at Christmas by offering 'living gifts' for you to give your family and friends as an alternative Christmas gift to help the poor, hungry, sick and homeless. National and local charities have a stand at the event and tell you about the gifts they are offering and who they will help. Over 20 local and international charities that have proved popular in past years have been invited to partake again. In most cases the gifts you chose will make a real difference in the lives of the beneficiaries – and hopefully bring a smile to the faces of all those involved in this 'giving triangle'.

The plight of the thousands of refugees worldwide having had to run away from violence and cruelty in their own countries is still a regular feature on our news bulletins and is not going to go away. Their fate in the long term has yet to be decided and will clearly ask a lot of all governments and peoples, but in the meantime there are more pressing needs – food and survival kits. Alternativity includes international charities providing such items.

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to hold this event 'live' in Hinckley, However we are continuing with the mail order feature of our project.

Gifts can be ordered between 14th November until 13th December. Contact Hinckley AlterNativity [admin@hinckley-alternativity.org.uk](mailto:admin@hinckley-alternativity.org.uk)

Church has been sent some order forms for anyone who is not online—contact Richard if you need one.

## **Richard's Ramblings**

I seem to have an odd side to fill - one needs an even number of sides for the printed version or people worry that they have been missed out about something important. I must confess that I thought I was escaping the need to do a newsletter but now we are back in a lockdown again! Let's all work hard to stay safe and protect one another.

The lockdown sees us return to Zoom worship. After participating in the Circuit Zoom Remembrance Service last Sunday—which I thought was very well done from a viewpoint of 'working the buttons' - I can only hope that as it's me doing that stuff this week I can do it ok. I hear myself joking (if I come up with a joke I repeat it many times!) that I hope someone will give me a certificate or badge for having mastered Very Basic Zoom. A year ago I had never heard of it. This year it has been a vital tool for keeping meetings and gatherings and worship going for many.

Can you help? As we approach 2021 and whatever that may bring it would be helpful if there were a few more folk able to work the buttons. It just needs a bit of practice and patience. Even if you feel you can not volunteer for that you can pray for those who are willing to try and encourage them.

Indeed there are plenty of 'jobs' that are available for when things 'get back to normal' - as well as supporting worship through screens and IT the church needs folk to join the property committee, be willing to read in worship, offer to go on rotas for next year—coffee, flowers, etc. Plenty of opportunities!

Talking of help with readings one of the lectionary readings for this Sunday is from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25 verses 14-30, the Parable of the Talents. It is a challenging passage in many ways and well worth studying in detail, but in a very simple way it begs us to ponder whether we are hiding a talent.