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Weekly Information Sheet

10th - 16th March 2024

Services at Sittingbourne Methodist Church

We extend a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are new to our church we would like to stay in contact with you. So please take a card from the welcome area and make yourself known to the minister or a steward following the service.

Sunday 10th March • Mothering Sunday
 10.30am Jacob Adofo

Sunday 17th March
 10.30am Local Arrangement
 led by the worship leaders

Your Steward on the 10th March is Jean



NORTH KENT METHODIST CIRCUIT INVITATION TO WORSHIP FROM HOME

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 10.30AM
 Online Service will be led by Robert Zachar

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/worship-from-home.html>

Bible Readings

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.'

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2: 1-10

WEEKLY NOTICES • The weekly notice sheet is produced by Paul, so if you have anything that you would like included please email to: paul@greenapplegraphics.co.uk



SITTINGBOURNE
METHODIST CHURCH

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, our heavenly Father,

Today especially we remember and thank you for all those who have mothered us, and for all that they have done for us: for those who gave birth to us, cared for us and helped us to grow in strength, wisdom and faith; for all who have had a mothering influence upon us and taught us ways of kindness and love.

We know that for some people this may be a difficult day, perhaps holding keenly felt loss and sadness, hurt, grief and maybe even anger. We pray that you will draw alongside those who are sad today, to comfort them and surround them with your compassion.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for women and men who grieve because they are unable to have the children they so long to hold and love; for parents who grieve because, like Mary the mother of Jesus, they have had to see their child die too soon; for parents who grieve because they are cut off from their children by disappointment, anger or bitterness; for parents who are worried or afraid for their child's well-being or safety.

We ask you, heavenly Father, to bring healing, comfort, forgiveness and peace into the hearts and minds of hurting parents.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for children who grieve because they have lost a parent through illness, accident or violence; for children whose parents have been unable to give them the love and care they need, so that they now live in families and homes which are not their own; for children who are still living in homes that are unsafe and with adults who cannot put the child's needs before their own; for children who through hardship and poverty are not being provided with an adequate diet or basic medical care.

We pray for families living in unimaginable situations of conflict and bloodshed; for parents devastated because they are unable to find food, healthcare and safety for their children.

We ask you, heavenly Father, to bring love and security, courage and hope into the lives of suffering families today.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We ask you, heavenly Father, to bring healing and forgiveness into the lives of all those for whom today brings back painful memories of broken relationships and loss. Help us all to find in our brothers and sisters in Christ a loving family with whom we may show your love and tender care for all your hurting people.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for our mother, the worldwide Church, seeking by her example to model the inclusive love and compassion which Jesus showed for all those in his community.

We give thanks for the Methodist Church and all its agencies, bringing light and hope to people struggling to survive and prosper, and for our local church with its various outreach and mission oriented activities, its committed and faithful members and inspirational leaders.

Loving God, trusting in your promise to hear us when we pray in faith, we ask you to bless all our relationships within the families of our homes, our church, our communities and our nation, so that through our lives your loving will for us may be done.

Loving Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**



We are now in the 40 days of Lent
which will lead up to our

Easter Services 2024

Maundy Thursday · 28th March
Service of Holy Communion at 6.30pm

Good Friday · 29th March
10am March of Witness from St. Michael's
Church to the Baptist Church with tea and
coffee available after the service.

Service at Hartlip at 4pm

Easter Sunday · 31st March
6.30am Sunrise Service at Bluebell Hill
10.30am Service of Holy Communion

Easter Day Sunrise Service

Sunday 31 March 2024
6.30am

at the View Point
Blue Bell Hill Picnic site (ME5 9RG)

followed by Breakfast at
St Alban's Church,
Upper Robin Hood Lane (ME5 9QR)

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed,
Alleluia!



Kris Swiatocho
KrisSwiatochoMinistries.org

PLUS!

Join us at
7pm for...
Comedy
Night!



Foundation — Focus — Fear — Freedom

Saturday, 13th, April, 2024

Sittingbourne Methodist Church, High Street, ME10 4PB

Cost: Free, donations welcomed
Coffee/Tea Provided; Dinner on your own

Time: 2:00-5:00pm

Worship, Mixers, Teaching, Group Discussions,
Fellowship and Fun

Q? Chris Kelly

07711997372; Chris.j.kelly19@gmail.com



FREE TO LAUGH

COMEDY NIGHT

WITH
KRIS
SWIATOCHO

7pm Saturday 13th April 2024 @ Sittingbourne Methodists
All ages welcome, no childcare.

ST LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

MUSIC CONCERT BY

We Can Sing - Medway!



SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

Entrance Fee £6 (cash only)

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits supplied at Interval

Raffle tickets will be on sale and the raffle will be in the
Interval

7PM FOR 7.30PM START

Join us for fellowship, bible discussion and prayer
on alternate Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.00 noon



Confident Faith

Apologetics for Everyone

<https://www.theocca.org/essentials>

A six part interactive series. Maybe you find yourself in conversations with others who don't go to church and feel ill-equipped to answer their questions or objections about faith? Or perhaps you shy away from having conversations about faith in the first place for fear of having to face questions you can't answer? Or maybe you are beginning to doubt the credibility of your Christian faith altogether? If you resonate with any of these challenges, this course is for you.

Over six weeks this series will look at:

Session 1: Why Have a Thinking Faith?

Session 2: Is it True (Part 1)?

Session 3: Is it True (Part 2)?

Session 4: Is it good?

Session 5: Does it Work?

Session 6: How to Have Thoughtful Conversations

The flow of each session will include a short biblical reflection, a video of approximately 20 mins, a pause for guided discussion.

JANUARY

Wednesday 10th

Wednesday 24th

Chris K.

RZ

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 7th

Wednesday 21st

TBC

Val.C.

MARCH

Wednesday 6th

Wednesday 20th

TBC

TBC



9th - 19th May

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus.

More resources being released soon – see www.thykingdomcome.global for more details, booklets will be available nearer the time.

WARM WELCOME

at Sittingbourne Methodist Church

FRIDAY'S FROM 10.00AM – MIDDAY

A SOCIAL SPACE FOR CHATTING

HOT DRINKS · FREE Wi-Fi · GAMES · BOOKS
OTHER REFRESHMENTS · CHILD FRIENDLY

Free Preloved School Uniform Hub

Come in and have a browse we might just have the uniform you need!

We always need new stock –
Please remember to donate the uniform you've grown out of.



Stay and Play pre-school group for children and adults. (Children have to bring their own adult).

On Tuesday mornings from 9.45-11.30am in the Methodist Church lounge, High Street, Sittingbourne.

£2 per child, includes tea/coffee and a fruit snack for the children.



The Spring edition of the circuit newsletter is now available to download

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/about-us/newsletters.html>

Printed copies are available in the Welcome Area.



NEXT MEETING 11TH MARCH

Monday evening service

AT SITTINGBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH

First and Third Mondays in the month at 7-8:30pm

Informal time for worship and prayers, learning about the Christian life style and encountering God in personal ways. Prayers for healing and guidance. Singing our way to heaven. Refreshments available.

Live speakers and video lectures with discussion afterwards when arranged. See below for the timetable and themes.

Dates and themes : January - March 2024

15th January	:	Robert
29th January	:	Alan C (TBC)
12th February	:	Robert
26th February	:	TBC
11th March	:	Robert
25th March	:	Robert




Regular prayer meetings

Wednesday's at 7.00pm

Every Wednesday

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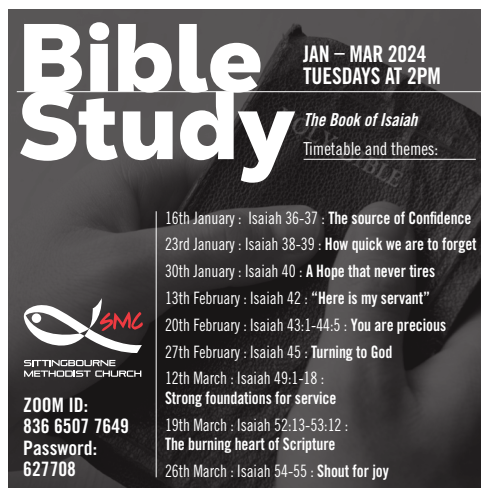
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Wednesday 7.00pm Prayers

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Passcode: **180518**



Bible Study

JAN – MAR 2024
TUESDAYS AT 2PM

The Book of Isaiah

Timetable and themes:

16th January : Isaiah 36-37 : The source of Confidence
23rd January : Isaiah 38-39 : How quick we are to forget
30th January : Isaiah 40 : A Hope that never tires
13th February : Isaiah 42 : "Here is my servant"
20th February : Isaiah 43:1-44:5 : You are precious
27th February : Isaiah 45 : Turning to God
12th March : Isaiah 49:1-18 : Strong foundations for service
19th March : Isaiah 52:13-53:12 : The burning heart of Scripture
26th March : Isaiah 54-55 : Shout for joy

ZOOM ID:
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Tuesday 2pm Bible study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83665077649?pwd=SzQyQjZnTGRxeFNEOUUxMENla1d3Zz09>

Meeting ID: **836 6507 7649**

Passcode: **627708**

Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be on
Thursday 14th March 2024
at 12 for 12.30pm

The cost for lunch will be £6, you do not need to book if you regularly attend. If you would like to join lunch club please contact Derek for availability by Tuesday 12th March (tel. 01795 425873 or text 07903 016105).

Lunch Club will also meet on 28th March.



TOP 5 ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK:

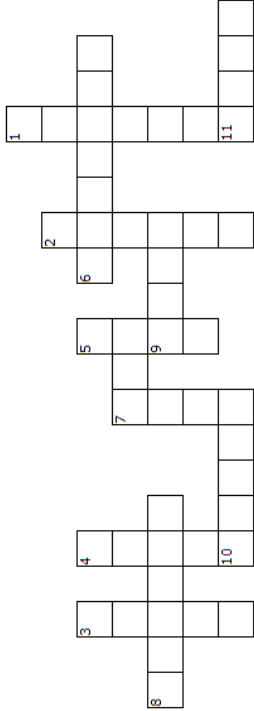
1. Jar Sauces
2. Rice Pudding
3. Baby Wipes
4. Tinned Meat
5. Cereal

Date 04/03/2024




Crossword Puzzle

Measuring God's Love



ACROSS

6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile)
11. The period of time from birth to death

DOWN

1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

SNAKE	ETERNAL	SAVE	LOVE
LIFE	SON	PERISH	DESERT
ONLY	BELIEVE	MOSES	WORLD



Children's Worship Bulletin

Measuring God's Love

John 3:14-21

Word Search Puzzle

P T F V E L F M H H M F H B N
O T J E Z O S D C C T O Z I U
U I F I D V N N X O W M M O M
Y I G I Z E H N A R N S A V E
L N F L S D A H N K R D F I Q
T L D E S E R T Y V E O E B Y
H P I I B E L I E V E S V M J
R W D F G Q J C Z X U G K N
O S O N T A M E P H D A Z P R
U N V R V E B T Y U O V J E W
G X L S L S D E Q U X E V R P
H L J Y E D R R G W E E D I L
G X L S N X S N R B O T H S Y
M O O D L Z G A H H T Z T H R
D M D G U M M L W J H G I P O

SON	ONLY	BELIEVES	MOSES	WHOEVER
PERISH	HIM	WORLD	DESERT	LIFTED
CONDEMN	SNAKE	LOVED	ETERNAL	LIFE
THROUGH	GAVE	SEND	GOD	SAVE



Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to
reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	H	Q	M	B	U	O	N	C	S	G	F	A	K	Z	J	L	E	V	W	P	T	Y	R	D	X

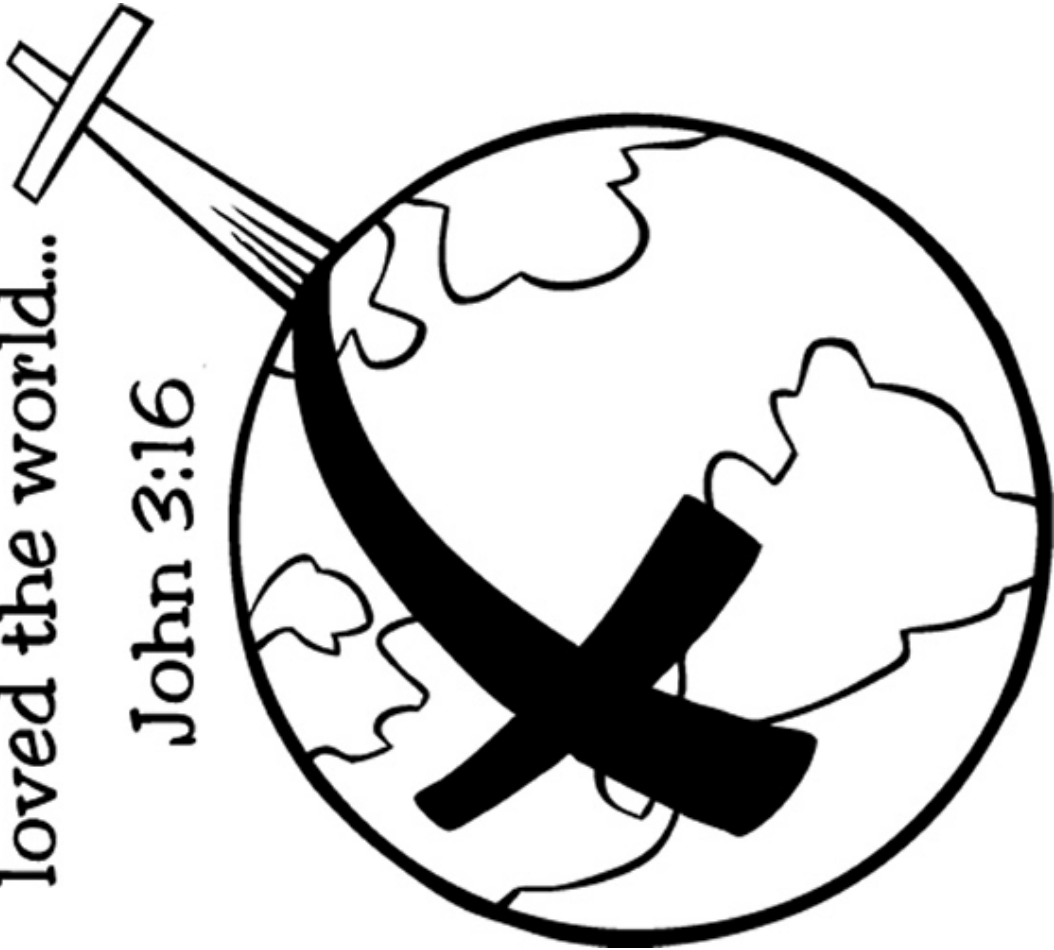
1. 20-7-24-17-25
2. 17-1-12-18
3. 10-7-8
4. 11-7-25
5. 5-18-17-1-18-19-18-10
6. 18-22-18-24-8-13-17
7. 21-18-24-1-10-2
8. 17-7-19-18-25
9. 11-13-19-18
10. 20-2-7-18-19-18-24

ETERNAL	GOD	LOVED	SON	BELIEVES
WHOEVER	LIFE	GAVE	PERISH	WORLD



Colour Me!

For God so
loved the world...
John 3:16



HOW CAN YOU MEASURE GOD’S LOVE?