



Shildon Methodist Church

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The **Messenger**



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

John 3:16

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Church website

www.shildonmethodistchurch.org



Stewards Meeting

There will be a Stewards Meeting on 8 April starting at 9.45am. If you feel there are any aspects of Church life the Stewards should be discussing please speak with a Church Steward.

Premises Cleaning Day

Following a booking for the Church Hall, we have changed the day for cleaning the Church premises. We will now be cleaning on the second Monday of the month starting around 11.30am, after the Kurling Club has finished.

We have a small band of willing volunteers but new helpers are always welcome! Please do come along to help if you can, even if it's only to make a cup of tea!

Action for Children

Margaret Ruddock reports we have raised £316.95 for Action for Children.

Many thanks to all who supported this wonderful total. Well Done!

Quiz Night

Our next Quiz Night will be held on 26 April 2024 starting at 7.00pm. If you

would like tickets please contact Pat Scott. They are priced at £6.00 and include a Pie 'n' Pea supper.

Gaza Appeal

The Methodist Church in Britain has launched an appeal to support the emergency work being carried out in Gaza by the Methodist Liaison Office's partners.

The partners' work focuses on helping civilians in Gaza with medical, dental and mental health issues and offering them financial support. Speaking about the war in the Gaza Strip, which is 25 miles long and houses 2.3 million people, the President and Vice-President expressed their deep horror at the physical and psychological impact the continued violence is having on families:

"The scale of the destruction and tragic loss of life in so short a space of time is incomparable to any other conflict in recent times. We grieve for all lives lost on October 7 and in the subsequent fighting. There is no justification for such widespread killing of tens of thousands of innocent people and we are gravely concerned for the entire population of the Gaza strip."

Please see the Methodist Church website for more information.

Dates to note.....

31 Mar	Easter Sunday Worship - 10.15am - Revd D Payne (Holy Communion)
7 Apr	Morning Worship - 10.30am - Mrs C Bean
8 Apr	Stewards' Meeting - 9.45am
8 Apr	Premises Cleaning Day - 11.30am - Everyone Welcome
14 Apr	Morning Worship - 10.30am - Mrs M Nodding
18 Apr	Church Council Meeting - 2.00pm in the Church
21 Apr	Morning Worship - 10.30am - Mr E Hird
26 Apr	Quiz Night - 7.00pm - See Pat Scott for tickets
28 Apr	Afternoon Worship - 2.30pm - Revd D Payne (Holy Communion)
5 May	Morning Worship - 10.30am - Mrs J Hird

Regular Church Activities

Sunday	Worship at 10.30am or 2.30pm see The Messenger or Church website for more information
Monday	Kurling Club at 10.00am in the Church Hall
Tuesday	Crafty, Chatty Café at 1.00pm in the Church Hall
Thursday	Coffee Morning at 9.45am in the Church Hall

All Church activities and events are in our online Church Calendar, which can be accessed from the Church website:

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Notice of Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Church Council will take place on Thu, 18 April 2024 starting at 2.00pm in the Church.

Any reports or papers to be discussed at the meeting should be in writing and sent to the Church Council Secretary by 8 April 2024, to ensure they can be circulated with the final agenda prior to the meeting.

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A gluten free option is available for those wishing to take Holy Communion.



If you would like to take advantage of this please speak with a Communion Steward and they will arrange it for you