

St Mark's Matters

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20th January 2019

Ordinary 2

Lectionary Readings:

Old Testament Isaiah 62:1-5

New Testament 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Psalms 36:5-10

Gospel John 2:1-11

Today's flowers have been kindly donated by Mr & Mrs I Johnson.

Welcome to our worship. Refreshments will be served in the Main Hall after the morning service. We have a 'Loop' system fitted; please adjust your hearing aid accordingly.

10.30 am Preacher: **Mr Neville Walton**
Steward: Mrs Sarah Shell

6.00 pm **United Service at St. Peter's Church, Furze Platt**
(Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity)

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Please consider using a Gift Aid envelope, which may be found in the church foyer, for any donation.

Sunday, 27th January 2019

10.30 am Preacher: **Revd Richard Cattley**
Steward: Mrs Sara Motion

Thought for the day

Living God, as we wake to the fresh light of a new day,
Help us, Living God, to drink in your love and mercy again.

May the ways of Jesus

Dwell vividly in our words and deeds today.

Amid the pressure of many competing busy things,
Aid us to live in a full and free measure of thanksgiving,

Guided by your Holy Spirit's leading,

To give more than we receive,

To be more holy than we appear,

And honour your name in all we do.

Amen

Stephen Lindridge

The Flower Rota for 2019 is now on the notice board. Please make a note in your diaries – as we have several weeks of unfilled dates, I would be delighted if anyone cares to provide a second week! Please inform me if you do add your name as I need to adjust other paperwork.

Many thanks to you all for your generosity throughout the year.

Barbara Fox

2020 ViSion

Sewing - Annette Basford is happy to do any small sewing job for a donation to the 2020 Vision Project. If interested, please speak to Annette.

Saturday, 26th January, 2.30-5.00 pm – *A Social Afternoon of Fun & Tea* in the Hall – Tickets £7 /U12s £4 available from 01628 623263 or speak to Annette for more information.

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Having heard last week that we'd managed to bridge the funding gap, we were delighted to hear this week that the Methodist Church has given its formal consent for the 2020 Vision project to go ahead.

There's still a long way to go and much to be done but, all being well, work will commence early in April and take 26-28 weeks to complete. Further discussions with the contractors are needed to clearly define the effects on usage of the premises during the building phase but disruption to parking, kitchen and toilet facilities is inevitable.

Presentations to regular users of the premises to explain the 2020 Vision Project are taking place on Thursday next (24th January, 7.45pm) and Saturday next (26th January, 10.30am) to which all church members are welcome and the Winter Social on Saturday gives us the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for this great achievement.

If you wish to come to one of the presentations please let Ed Filmore (01628 623263) know.