

Sutton on Sea Methodist Church Newsletter



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Warmest greetings to you all from the Methodist Fellowship in Watlington, Oxfordshire.

John Wesley wrote, “IS IT your desire and design to be on this, and on all other occasions, entirely open, so as to speak everything that is in your heart without exception, without disguise, and without reserve ?” These are the opening words of our new house-group course on the subject of “Talking of God with others”. It is very challenging as it confronts us head-on with the fact that most of us are reticent in actually talking about Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit outside the safe four walls of our Church. The main aim of the course is to give us more confidence when ‘talking about God’, in the market place, at the bus stop, at the coffee morning, at an evening of Monday Night is Music Night, or even in the pub.

We are introduced to a word new to most of us – ‘apologetics’. This means responding to those who would question our faith in God, giving us the confidence to defend our faith in a positive way and helping us to speak more easily about what we believe. The essence is derived from 1 Peter chapter 3 verse 15, “...be ready always to give an answer to everyone who asks for a reason of the hope that is in you ...” – New Revised Standard Version. Peter goes on and urges us to voice our convictions with “gentleness and reverence”.

Sometimes we may have feelings of embarrassment by attempting to talk about our faith to non-believers, or to those who show just a passing interest in our own convictions.

At a funeral, those who have no faith in God are very often confronted internally by the uncomfortable question “Is this the end ? Is there nothing more? What is the point of this life?” What an opportunity! Yet, to be able to respond in a positive and simple way, we need confidence in ourselves.

One of the exercises in the course is for YOU to complete the following three statements:

- ✚ Lord you are “greatly to be praised” because ...
- ✚ I see your “wondrous works” ...
- ✚ I know your “steadfast love” ...

From Psalm 145 verses 8 and 9 : “The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.”

On a personal note, we moved into our bungalow after all the renovations just a year ago. Yes, we miss you all but are making many new friends – at least 5 of our neighbours in Brookside. We have been ‘absorbed’ into our Church fellowship, both Yvonne and I taking services. Yvonne and Fiona go together to various quilting/craft events and I have already been made vice president of the Henley Lions Club. The aches and pains of the ‘aged’ plague us and I am recovering from a hip replacement. But this is a new adventure in our lives which we embrace. Many blessings to you all.

Graeme Thompson.

MacMillan coffee morning- Thank you to everyone who helped or supported our coffee morning in September. The total amount raised was £309.55. I think we should be proud of ourselves!

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On Saturday 25th October the Lightwaves event will be taking place in Sutton for the second year. Once again we have been asked to host a lantern making workshop on 22nd October and that our church should be the starting point for the parade. We have been assured the event will be bigger and better than last year. We are happy to be able to play our part in this community event.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped at our Monday Night is Music Nights. We have had some fantastic, entertaining nights. Just a reminder that on Monday 6th October at 7.30 pm we have Slide Kicks to entertain us. Admission by donation, minimum £4.

October 2025 CALENDAR: Sutton-On-Sea

Sunday 5 th October at 10.30am :	Roger Maidens
Sunday 12 th October at 10.30 am :	Rev Graham Miles (Holy Communion)
Sunday 19 th October at 10.30 am:	Cathy Croft
Sunday 26 th October at 10.30 am :	Elaine Fox

Wednesday 1st October 2pm Church Council Meeting

Saturday 4th October – There will be **NO** official cleaning Saturday this month. However, if you have church keys and you wish to come in and do some cleaning please do so.

Saturday 11th October

Open house coffee morning 10am - 12 noon

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING SERVICES 10.15AM
30 minute service followed by coffee and chat!!

Tuesday 7 th October	Rev Graham Miles
Tuesday 14 th October	Elaine Craig
Tuesday 21 st October	Cathy Croft
Tuesday 28 th October	Tricia Johnson

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