



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 28 April 2024 10.30am Local Arrangement led by a team from St Mark's

Collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Loving and eternal God, through the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in life or death can ever part us from your love for us in Jesus Christ our Saviour; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From day twenty-eight of the Methodist Prayer Handbook

Praying with Christians in Europe and Britain. A prayer from Poland.

We give thanks for the opportunity to further develop God's mission in Poland. We thank God for the new calls to serve in the Church, and for the help that they have been able to offer Ukrainian refugees.

We pray for strength, perseverance and love in continuing to help refugees and for support - logistical and financial - as we further assist refugees still coming into Poland. We ask God for peace and security in Europe and the world.

Andrzej Malicki, leading superintendent, Poland.

Readings for Sunday 28 April: Psalm 22: 25-31, 1 John chapter 4:7-21

Live stream link: <https://youtube.com/live/b8lj-yxRVwk?feature=share>

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Notices

Tuesday 30 April 10.00am-12noon **Coffee morning in the church. All welcome.**

Wednesday 1 May 9.00am **Ecumenical Communion service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church.**

Wednesday 1 May 9.30am-11.30am **Toddlers in the main hall**

Friday 3 May 2.30pm **Friday Club. Severn Freewheelers, Blood Bikers.**

Sunday 5 May 10.30am **Rev Rachel Leather**

Thank you for your generous donations.

Benevolent Fund envelopes raised £50 at our last communion service.

The Easter Offering total this year was £259 which will be passed on to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund.

Advance notices

Tuesday 7 May 2.00pm **Tuesday Fellowship AGM**

Wednesday 8 May 7.30pm **Alternative Alpha – taster session.**

Rev Rachel Leather will be running a one-off session in The Well (room at the rear of the Bethesda church car park). We will be talking about those concepts that can be tricky to understand of faith, doctrine and belief. If enough people are able to attend, or show a desire for this sort of discussion group, we can make this a monthly meeting.

Saturday 11 May 10.00am-12.00noon Plant and Cake sale.

When you are planting seeds, potting on and dividing plants perhaps you could keep some for us to sell.

Also a special plea for cakes to sell this year. They go really fast and we'd like to have some available for those who don't come early!

o **Cakes:** Please list all ingredients in your baked goods. This makes those purchasing aware of any allergens that may be present and ensures St Mark's have covered our obligation for food safety.

o **Plants:** Please label them so they are easily identifiable.

o **Friday 10 May:** Please bring your plants and cakes (suitably labelled) to the church in advance on Friday evening between 6 and 7pm.

o **On the day:** If you would like to help please get in touch with Ann Varley as soon as possible.

The Plant & Cake sale fliers are available for distribution. Please can you take some fliers for your local street and/or help deliver to houses near the church. A list will be available so we know who is delivering and where.

Please get in touch with Ann Varley if you have any questions.

Sunday 12 May **Christian Aid week begins. A lunch of soup and crumble will be served after the service.** Please sign up on the notice board if you would like to come. Proceeds for Christian Aid.

Bethesda Backpackers will meet at 9:30am on Monday 29 April for a 3½ mile walk in the Ruardean area. Please contact Peter Boait (511278) by 6:30pm this Sunday evening if you wish to join the walk.

Foodbank Our boxes for donations to the foodbank are at our two entrances. Thank you for all your continuing help.