

DUTY ELDER ROSINA BAYLEY

Notices

HYMNS & READINGS

MP 528O Worship the KingOTJeremiah 1:4–10NTLuke 4:21–30MP 1087Lord I Come Before Your
Throne of GraceMP 1076Jesus Be the CentreMP 708To God Be the Glory

DEC AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL Matthew Smith

DEC launched an appeal before Christmas to help those in desperate need, in Afghanistan, who are facing catastrophic hunger. As a Church we always seek to support DEC appeals, which are made only in the most exceptional circumstances.

Unfortunately, Covid constrained our opportunities to respond to this particular appeal over the Christmas period. However, the need is ongoing and likely to get worse over the coming weeks.

An opportunity will therefore be provided for you to contribute through the collection plate on each **Sunday** from 23rd January to 13th **February** inclusive. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "DEC Afghanistan Appeal". If you are not attending Church at this time, please consider sending your donations to me by post. Thank you

UPCOMING SERVICES

6 th Feb	Hilary Redman
13 th Feb	Rev Andrew Sellwood
20 th Feb	Mary Stewart

SANCTUARY DOORS

May we remind the membership that the entrance doors at the front of the church **must** remain open for duration of the service. Ventilation is our main defence against the covid virus and the doors are our primary source of fresh air. There have been **three cases** among our regular attendees in the last fortnight after nearly two years without any.

If you are likely to feel cold, please remember to wear extra layers of clothing. Thank you

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Susie Thomas

The annual WDP service will take place in **Goring Methodist Church** at **14:30** on **Friday 4th March**. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like a service booklet in advance, as it will be streamed live so you can follow it at home if you prefer. (Or perhaps you just want to read the service booklet!) **Thanks**

SPRING CHRONICLE

The closing date for submissions is Tuesday 1st February.

Prayers

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday:

Help us realise that the worship that pleases you is not only our words but also our lives and hearts: it is in seeing love and justice where there is oppression.

Monday:

Give thanks for all who have supported the many charities over the Christmas period. Bless all who work on their behalf and give strength and encouragement to those they seek to assist.

Tuesday:

Pray for all who, for whatever reason, live alone. Show us ways of ensuring that they are not forgotten and that we may be ambassadors of your love.

Wednesday:

After all the difficulties of lockdown, homeschooling and distance learning, we pray for all places of learning from nurseries to universities. Pray for our teachers and support staff as they seek to develop not only the learning but also the social skills and characters of their pupils.

Thursday:

Pray for all our NHS staff, social care workers and all who are overstretched, overloaded and doing their best. Give us patience as they gradually work through waiting lists and give them strength and determination to carry on.

Friday:

Give thanks for all those in positions of influence brave enough to question and expose wrongdoings. Pray for justice and the rule of law to prevail.

Saturday:

Pray for all those trying to create mutual understanding, respect and tolerance between different races and religions.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

During the year we also remember all in our Church Family.

This week:

Olive Bushby, David & Margaret Butcher, and Mary Connelly

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ART AND CRAFT CLUB Caroline Hibbs

This new group begins 09:30-12:30 on Saturday 5th February. Bring your art or craft and enjoy three hours focussed on it.

There will be some resources to use here and ideas of how to use them Learn something new from likeminded folk and enjoy a time of creativity in our beautiful sanctuary. Please remember the social distancing

rules and please bring your masks. Looking forward to seeing you.

FOOD BANK

Caroline Hibbs

The items the Food Bank urgently require at the moment are:

- tinned fruit
- tinned rice pudding
- tinned fish
- fruit juice
- tinned meat

Mon 31 st Jan	09:30–11:30	Mini Fishes in the Main Hall and Cornwall Room
	14:00-16:00	Coffee & Cake Drop-in in the Sanctuary
Tue 1 st Feb	09:30–11:30	Table Tennis in the Main Hall
	13:30–14:15	Pre-school Puppet Club in the Main Hall
Fri 4 th Feb	14:00-16:00	Kestro in the Main Hall
Sat 5 th Feb	09:30–12:30	Art and Craft Club in the Sanctuary
		ADVANCE NOTICE

THIS WFFK

Tuesday Fellowship Bowls in the Cornwall Room Messy Church in the Main Hall and Cornwall Room

BEHIND THE SCENES

24th Jan: Broken piano stool removed from Cornwall Room for repair or replacement 29th Jan: LICC Learning Hub attended by Andrew/Elders

14.00-16.00

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Missing key returned to owner



Tue 8th Feb

Sat 12th Feb

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