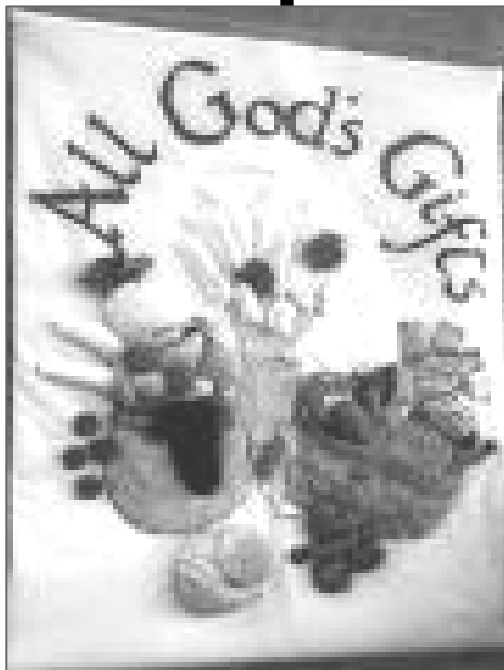


# The Grapevine



The Magazine of  
Kinver Methodist Church

# SEPTEMBER



## SERVICES AND WORSHIP DIARY

### Sunday, 4th September

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Martin Rider

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship led by Revd. Michael Williams. *Holy Communion*

### Sunday, 11th September

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Revd David Clark. *Holy Communion*

6.30pm Evening Worship led by Mary Grant

### Sunday, 18th September

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Barbara Clark

6.30pm Evening Worship led by Revd Robert Readshaw

### Sunday, 25th September HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Revd David Clark

6.30pm SONGS OF PRAISE



### Sunday, 2nd October

9.30am Morning Worship led by Andy Haynes

6.30pm Evening Worship led by Revd David Clark. *Holy Communion*

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Special groups for children and young people are available during our morning services. A specially designed programme offers worship and learning for different age groups. Faith and fun belong together!

### WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

A quiet act of prayer and Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Church Parlour and led by either an Anglican or a Methodist Minister.

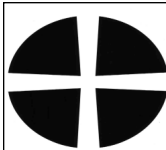


**SERVICES OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM:** Enquiries about these special services should be made to the Minister, Revd David Clark.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS** We always welcome ideas, comments, or suggestions about our work. If you have any thoughts about our worship, meetings, communications, buildings, or anything else for that matter, please contact the minister or one of the stewards to let us know what you think!

September 2011-

Revd David Clark



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Stourbridge  
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### REVD. DAVID writes....

How did you react to the days of public disorder, riots, looting and criminal activity? Thought such a thing would never happen? But what do you think now? Perhaps that there are some people in our society who are frustrated because of the social needs, their poverty and an anger that some people have vast wealth and they have so little ..... may be true for a few, but it seems that a good number of people who are going to Court charged with looting etc are not poor, nor homeless, nor out of work!

Perhaps we have seen the lostness of some people surface in unexpected behaviour; a society in which many people have no moral values, little respect for law and order, or for other people. As the Tee-shirt slogan says "just do it".

And into this society what is the Christians' responsibility? To do justly, to live honestly, to set the example of care and compassion. Perhaps we, as God's people, have not been as good as we should have been in showing the world at large what "Jesus living" is all about.

*David Clark*

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

A warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship & fellowship during the summer. We hope you have enjoyed the summer break & are feeling refreshed & renewed.

September sees the start of a new Academic Year & also the new Methodist Year so we especially remember all those starting new schools or classes & those going on to Further Education & University, hoping their exam result are good enough. **Congratulations** to all our young people who I have heard have done well.

We also pray for all Ministers & their families who are on the move & for all those involved in new & continuing ministries.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our love & best wishes to anyone who has a birthday this month. Here are the ones I know about.

Gwen Fiore on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Kath Fletcher on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Bryony Miller on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Evie Roe on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Margaret Houlton on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Miller on the 10<sup>th</sup> I think Stephen Allin on the 12<sup>th</sup>, John Jones on the 17<sup>th</sup>, David Langford on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Phyllis Burton on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Barbara Wall on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Betty Gilvear on the 27<sup>th</sup> & finally John Wellings on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you all many happy returns hoping you enjoy your day.

(Apologies for any mistakes or omissions)

#### LOVING SYMPATHY

Our dear friend Margaret Langton died at the end of June & we send our prayerful & loving sympathy to Gill, Peter & their families & to all her friends. We had a wonderful uplifting service to celebrate her life which was an inspiration to many people. She will be greatly missed.

We also offer our sympathy to Andrew Stilton & family on the death of his mother, Joan.

#### WEDDING BELLS

Sophie Wooldridge & Mathew Craggs are to be married on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wolverley Parish Church. We send them our congratulations hoping they have a memorable day with family & friends & all good wishes for their future happiness.

More **congratulations** to Ann & Bob Langford who celebrate their Pearl Wedding Anniversary on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Love & best wishes.

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for all in any kind of need: those who are sick at home or in hospital, those who are lonely, sad or bereaved, the housebound & those in Residential Care, those with family or financial problems, those who are finding work difficult & those who have no work.

Within our Church Family there are many with health concerns.

We specially think of Ellen Bougourd, Chris Hill, John Wellings, Betty Bowen, Ruth Stilton & Carol Hipwell.

Dermot Molony is back at his home in Mill House after weeks in hospital & Prestwood House & we hope to see him at church soon.

Kath Fletcher is now living at Red Brick Court in Wordsley. Several of us have visited her in the past few weeks & she appears to be settling well & wishes to be remembered to everyone.

We remember Lloyd Bougourd, Louise Faul, Kath Bayliss, Edna Welch & Edith Tranter who are no longer able to worship with us but with whom we try to keep in touch.

There may be others known only to you. Please use the Prayer Book at church

or contact the Prayer Chain so that they can be included in our prayers.  
Please remember that the flowers from church are taken out each week so if you know of someone you think might appreciate receiving them then please let me know.

**A reminder re. the Harvest Festival.**

Gifts will be gratefully received as usual during the morning service on Sunday September 25th. However a gentle suggestion to bring your gifts in boxes, large or small (rather than plastic carrier bags) which look better when placed in the Communion area & are easier to arrange to take to housebound & sick people by the Pastoral Team on Monday morning

This note will give you time to find a suitable box but of course your gifts are welcome however they come! Also bear in mind that tinned & packaged goods are most useful & some smaller items for lone, elderly people

Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Pat Haerle  
(for the Pastoral Team)

**ALIVE AND KICKING.**

We are a Christian Youth Group for High School and College aged young people in and around Kinver. We meet every week from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Hut (behind Edgecliff School) for games, discussion, activities and other fun. Anybody of High School age is welcome. Drop in any time, we'd love to see you - even if it's only for the special events.

- 04/09 - late summer barbeque.
- 11/09 ak
- 18/09 ad33 garden party
- 25/09 ak
- 2nd Oct ak

**akwa 2012 - 23rd-25th March  
2012**

**THE T.L.C. GROUP**  
(tea, listening, company)

We offer a warm welcome of friendship to anyone in need of company.

Our next meeting will be held on **Friday 9th September, 2.30 pm** at the home of Sue Ashmead.

Please contact Sue on 872939 (after the 3rd September) if you would like to join us or contact Janet Westley on 872973.

Transport can be arranged if needed.

## ***HARVEST SUPPER.***

There will be a Harvest Supper this year, it will be held on the **Saturday** after the Harvest Service, **1st October 2011 at 6.30 pm** in the Church Hall.

There will be a two course meal. Entertainment at this event will be provided by David Bartley, a Black Country comic, and our own youth band. We hope that everyone will enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun.

The cost will be £5 for adults and £3 for children under 16 years. Tickets are available from the stewards. To enable us to cater for the meal **please ensure that you obtain your ticket in advance.**

Transport will be available on the evening for those who need it, please contact David Yair if you wish to book a lift.



## ***ACTION FOR CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING AND SPONSORED WALK.***

This event, held on 2nd July turned out to be a great success. The final total raised was the amazing sum of £1,520.69.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed - those who set up the hall, manned the stalls and kitchen and those who came along to support us.

The Walk also proved to be a huge success with everyone saying how much they had enjoyed themselves and look forward to us doing it again next year.

Thanks must go to the leaders, Elwyn, who gave his group a most interesting historical tour of our beautiful lanes, Gordon and Mary Grant who did the medium walk through the fields and along the canal side, John Glover and Ken Coussens who did the Lou Glover Memorial walk (Lou being a founder member of the Kinver Walking Group) and James and Tom who led the young people through the alleys and passageways of Kinver. As the groups of walkers arrived back into the Hall everyone gave them a round of applause welcoming them back.

The Coffee Morning itself raised £622.34p, the walk raised £842.50p and the Sales Table in Church raised £55.85p

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for your generosity and support.

Suzanne Smith.

## **Margaret Ward Langton**

We have been overwhelmed by the cards, messages, telephone calls and offers of help and support following Mum's death at the end of June - and we as a family are so very grateful to you all.

On behalf of the family, we want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of this - and especially for your help in making her service at Kinver such a celebration. So many people contributed to making it special - from the beautiful flowers in church, the music played before, during and after the service, to David and Peter for leading it so thoughtfully, for the reading of the Bible lessons, and to so many for just being there to share in the occasion; and afterwards, in the Church Hall, where members of Mum's beloved Afternoon Fellowship ensured that everyone was able to be comfortable, and enjoy further fellowship with catering from Jenny's Kitchen. Much preparation and planning must have taken place - with many others involved - and this resulted in the day being just as she would have wanted it to be.

Our thanks, too, to Alison and John from Kinver Funeral Directors - their help and support, their professionalism was second to none, and we were welcomed with kindness and care on all our visits to them.

We shall miss her greatly - and we shall all hold special memories of her that will last forever.

With best wishes and thanks

**Gilly and Andy, Lucy and Kate.**



## ***HARVEST SERVICES in RESIDENTIAL HOMES.***

Most of the homes we visit have past members of Kinver Methodist Church and some present members as residents. Many of the residents appreciate the opportunity to sing old familiar hymns, some aren't able to read the hymn sheets but still remember the words from their time at church. Everyone is welcome to join us for these short 1/2 hour services which will take place on:

Thurs. 8th Sept. 2.30 pm      The Homestead, Prestwood.      Leader:  
Mary Grant.

Tues. 13th Sept. 2.30 pm      The Coach House, Prestwood.      Leader:  
Geoff. Beard.

Tues. 20th Sept. 2.30 pm      Woodford House, Trysull.      Leader: Revd.  
David Clark.

Tues. 27th Sept. 2.30 pm      The Woodlands, Wollaston.      Leader:  
Elwyn Woodford.

The Organist for all of the services will be John Grazier.

Anyone requiring transport to any of the services please contact Janet Westley either in church or ring her on 872973..

## ***COMPARING BIBLE TRANSLATIONS.***

Translations aim to reproduce, as accurately as possible, the words used in another language, although the word order may need to be changed. A paraphrase is concerned to convey the general sense of a passage and may attempt to reconstruct it accordingly. It is useful to compare different versions in two examples. (Sub-headings in `Good News' are not part of the original text.) These abbreviations are used below :- (KJV) King James Version, Bible, 1961; (GN) Good News, 1966; Living Bible (1967); (NIV) New International Version, 1973; (NRSV) New Revised Standard Version, 1994; The Message (1993).

Philippians 2 v 6, the previous verse concluding with `Christ Jesus'  
(KJV) *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.*

(RSV) *who thought he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.*

(JBPhillips) *For he, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to his privileges as God's equal,*

(NEB) *For the divine nature was his from the first; yet he did not think to snatch at equality with God*

(GN) *He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God*

(Living Bible) *who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God*

(NIV) *Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped*

(NRSV) *who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited*

(Message) *He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what*

#### I Peter 2 v. 9a

(KJV) *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people*

(RSV) *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people*

(JBPhillips) *But you are God's 'chosen generation', his 'royal priesthood', his 'holy nation', his 'peculiar people' - all the old titles of God's people now be long to you*

(NEB) *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, and a people claimed by God for his own*

(GN) *But you are the chosen race, the King's priest's, the holy nation, God's own people*

(Living Bible) *But you are not like that, for you have been chosen by God himself - you are priests of the King, you are holy and pure, you are God's very own*

(NIV) *But you are a chosen people, a holy nation, a people belonging to God*

(NRSV) *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people*

(Message) *But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work*

These examples illustrate the usefulness of comparing translations. No single translation gives the most accurate version for all verses. In paraphrases it may be more difficult for the phraseology to match the original text. The translation needs to be understandable while reflecting the original text without any addition, however much it seems to be implied.

# World News for Prayer

A few days before writing this I found myself remarking that the only good news I'd heard on the radio that morning was the weather forecast. Given the notorious British weather that sounded like a joke. But it was no joke - haven't we all been distressed, disgusted, angered, saddened - a whole mixture of emotions - by the rioting and looting in many cities of our land? The background of financial cuts is seen as relevant; this may be true in more ways than one. The 'quick buck' and sharp practice of bankers that lies behind the one isn't so very different from the 'grab what you can when the shop window is smashed' response. For prayer...? We could follow the example of Sikh families bereaved in Birmingham and pray for healing and peace. And we can pray that God's people (we ourselves) be more confident to make the connection with the way our culture has rejected God himself and the consequent loss of those Judeo-Christian values which made our nation a good place to live.

In startling contrast to the scenes of thieving on our streets, we are daily shown starving people making their way to refugee camps in Kenya from famine-affected areas in Somalia where help too often cannot be got to them. MAF has re-deployed aircraft from southern Africa to Kenya in order to be more able to support relief efforts by carrying supplies and personnel. Many of their flights take UN and NGO officials on survey trips, so that relief can be targeted to best effect. Let's pray that folks in dire need may receive food and clean water - and pray too that the problems of conflict and instability that make matters worse may be addressed.

In that same region is the newest nation on earth - South Sudan which became independent of the North following the referendum. Sure enough there has been unrest around the border, relating to the presence of oil. As reported here before, families have moved in both directions in hope of finding space among their co-religionists: the north is predominantly Muslim and the south mainly Christian. Given the precarious food supply this can give rise to yet more suffering. Let's pray for peace that will allow planting and indeed harvesting of crops.

Meanwhile 'the Arab Spring' rumbles on but with little fresh progress. And

in Afghanistan the killing continues. Reconstruction goes on in Japan, Haiti, Pakistan and in all those places struck by earthquakes, floods that are all too soon lost from our headlines but their effects remain with the people who lost loved ones, homes, livelihood.

**Is there any good news? We have Good News to proclaim - let's do it by our prayers, and our words as we have opportunity.**

*Mary Grant  
World Church.*

### ***STEWARDS AT KINVER METHODIST CHURCH.***

To put you in the picture - Carol having become Treasurer felt that was enough without being a Steward as well so Lynne Hunt has accepted that responsibility as from May this year.

And you may feel that Mary has been around a long time - she has indeed served the six year sentence but has agreed to continue while David is still with us. He being half-time find it helpful to have a local lieutenant, and it's quite convenient for that person to be a Steward.



### ***WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP.***



This is an informal meeting with worship, a variety of speakers, sometimes a musical programme and always a cup of tea and time for a chat to friends. Everyone is welcome at this lively group which meets at 3.00 pm in the Methodist Church.

Our speakers for September are:

- 7th Margaret Brownlow.
- 14th Revd. Rose Lawley.
- 21st Revd. David Clark.
- 28th Wendy Sheldon.

The Red Minibus is available to collect and return members to their homes if they have difficulty in getting to our meetings, please ask for details.

**CHURCH  
FLOWER  
ROTA.**



Flowers in our church during the coming month will be the gifts of:

**SEPTEMBER:**

- 4th Christine and Geoff Willetts to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.
- 11th Margaret Holt in memory of Mark on his birthday.
- 18th Marilyn and Anita in memory of their parents.
- 25th Muriel Moore in memory of her parents.

And on the first Sunday in October:

- 2nd Brenda Massey in memory of her husband Jack.



**MONDAY CLUB**

This very useful practical group meets on the first Monday of each month. The mission of this group is to do all sorts of practical jobs around the Church grounds. Weeding, cleaning, repairs, window cleaning, decoration, etc! Free coffee available. A lot of fun alongside the work.

**PRAYER GROUP**



The monthly prayer meetings are always on the first Monday evening of each month, starting at 8.00 p.m. and held at the home of Betty Gilvear, 29 Hawthorn Way. This vital meeting is open to everyone who has a concern for the world, the Church and those in need. The Church also has a **Prayer Circle** for prayers in times of special need. Contact Ruth Stilton for more details or with a prayer request!

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**

We are an ecumenical group & meet fortnightly for fellowship Bible study & prayer in the Parlour & you are welcome to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. We are currently studying 1 Peter. Why not come along & deepen your understanding & share your thoughts.

**Money  
Matters**



**Offerings - JUNE**

5th	607 . 15
12th	246 . 80
19th	441 . 50
26th	444 . 75

Standing Orders for month £887 . 00

**Offerings - JULY**

3rd	486 . 70
10th	466 . 10
17th	422 . 00
24th	402 . 50
31st	388 . 98

Standing Order for month £937.00

**COFFEE ROTA  
SEPTEMBER**

- 4th Janet Westley & Joan Smith
- 11th Jo & Dave Yair
- 18th Fiona & Andy Walley
- 25th Sue Cushley & Barbara Wall

AND

2nd October Alma Parkes & Beth  
Birchall

*(If a date is inconvenient, please try to  
arrange your own exchange with someone  
else. Thank you)*



**CAN YOU HELP??  
PLEASE!!**

We desperately need more volunteers for the Coffee Rota, some of us are unfortunately now having to do more than one session per rota. It would be a real shame if this facility had to stop because of lack of volunteers and unfortunately this is looking increasingly likely. The more people we have on the Rota the less times per year your turn comes around. If you think this is something you could do, please have a word with Sue Cushley and also let her know if you are prepared to help more than once per rota Thank you.

**WIVES GROUP.**



After our annual summer break we shall be starting our meetings again in September. Anyone who would like to join us on a Tuesday Evening would be most welcome.

Our September meetings are:

- 6th Social Evening with a Ploughman's Supper. We shall also be having a Harvest Table, so if you could bring something for the table That can be sold for group funds, this would be appreciated.
- 20th An evening of Flower Arranging Joy, who is one of our members. Please bring - Secateurs, Greenery and a small amount of flowers.



**COPY DEADLINE.**

All items for the **OCTOBER** Grapevine should be in the PINK folder in the reprographics room  
by:-



You may have noticed a number of very fit and svelte-looking ladies amongst the congregation these last few weeks ..... the reason being

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**South Staffordshire Council Gentle Exercise Classes.** These are held in our Church Hall every Tuesday from 2—3pm.

The cost is only £1.50p per week, including tea/coffee and biscuits.

Just come along and have some fun with some friends (and do some exercises at the same time). For more information please contact the teacher Lisa Embrey on 01902-696683.



### ***LETTER OF THANKS.***

17th July 2011.

I wish to publicly thank Revd. David Clark for taking time to visit me some days ago. From his call I gained insight and reasoning, his honesty and teachings are without question, and his dedication to his Lords work is something that I can only hope for I have to say David, that you and all genuine preachers like you have a very difficult task, because you preach the truth, and all who do that are opposed at times, because some people don't like to hear the truth, their consciences are pricked and they are made to feel uncomfortable, they don't like their little boat rocked.

Keep up the good work you will have your reward in Heaven, so do these super Christians of the less understanding generations - their reward is also waiting?

God Bless you David.

Bryan Tarrant.

# S e r v i n g G o d T o g e t h e r

## SERVICES IN KINVER SUNDAY BY SUNDAY:

### St Peter's, Kinver

**Rector:** Revd David Blackburn. Tel: 01384 872556

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 9.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
 11.30am Children's Service (2nd Sunday of Month)  
 6.30pm Evening Service (1st & 3rd Sundays)

### St Mary's, Enville

**Vicar:** Martin Soar Tel: 01384-817338

8.00am Holy Communion  
 11.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion  
 6.30pm Evening Service

### Stourbridge Roman Catholic Church

**Priest:** Monsignor Patrick McKinney Tel: 01384 395308

8.00am Mass  
 10.30am Mass  
 6.00pm Evening Service  
 Saturday 5.00pm Mass

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KINVER & ENVILLE

Kinver Methodist Church, St Peter's Church, Kinver and St Mary's, Enville are all part of Churches Together in Kinver & Enville, affiliated to the Staffordshire Plus Ecumenical Council and Churches Together in England.



Every Wednesday morning, at 9.30 a.m., there is an ecumenical service of **Holy Communion** at the Methodist Church, but led by either an Anglican or Methodist Minister.

Did you know that Churches Together offers a chaplaincy service to the **Parish Council**? One of the local ministers attends full Council meetings on the first Wednesday of every month and leads the Council in a short time of prayer before it gets down to its regular business. The churches value this contact and are glad to play our part in the life of the local community in this way. Our civic life is important and we invite everyone to pray for our local Parish, District & County Councillors on a regular basis.

# Kinver Methodist Church Contacts & Weekly Diary

## KINVER METHODIST CHURCH OFFICERS

<b>Minister:</b>	Revd David Clark	394342
<b>Stewards:</b>	Mr Andy Haynes	873880
	Miss Mary Grant	873462
	Mr Bruce Harris	877264
	Mrs Sue Denson	877404
	Mrs Pat Howells	878334
	Mrs Lynne Hunt	87
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mrs Carol Parrott	873632
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs Linda Cross	392086
<b>Property</b>		
<b>Steward:</b>	Mrs Anne Langford	873831
<b>Bookings:</b>	Mrs Carol Parrott	873632
<b>Mission:</b>	Mrs Sam Harris	877264
<b>Pastoral</b>		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs Jo Yair	877063

### SUNDAY SERVICES & WEEKLY DIARY:

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship & Sunday School

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

'alive and kicking (young people)'

7.00 p.m. Every Sunday

**Monday Club** (Property Working Party)

9.30 a.m. 1st Monday of Month

**Prayer Meeting:** (Parlour)

8.00 p.m. 1st Monday of Month

**Wives Group:** (Hall)

8.00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Month

**Wednesday Fellowship:** (Hall)

3.00 p.m. Every Wednesday afternoon

**Semitones of Praise:** (Church)

8.00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month

**Fellowship Group** (Parlour)

9.45 a.m. 1st & 3rd Thursday of month

House group. [Ad33.org.uk/housegroup](http://Ad33.org.uk/housegroup) for details

### CHURCH PASTORAL TEAM

Requests for home or hospital visits can be made through a Church Steward, direct to the Minister or to one of the Pastoral Team:

Jayne Allin 872917

Sue Cushley 872875

Pat Haerle 872211

Jo Yair 877063

Janet Westley 872973

We are always glad to offer the friendship of the Church to any one in this way. Requests for prayer or home communion can also be made. And we are always ready to pray for people and their needs at Church. Please get in touch

**Getting to Church:** If you need help getting to Church on Sundays please let one of the Church Stewards know.