

**Salem Methodist Church**

**Watley's End**

**BS36 1QL**

# **SALEM NEWS**

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At Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. It was a powerful experience, when along with wind and fire, 'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:4).

Power is experienced in two ways: it can be either unleashed or harnessed. The energy in petrol can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into it. However, in the engine of a car, it will transport people in a controlled way! The Holy Spirit works in a similar way. At Pentecost, He exploded onto the scene and 3000 people were added to the Church, because of Peter's preaching. He also equips us with His gifts to engage in the mission and ministry of the Church.

However, the Spirit's power also enables us so to grow in our faith. He assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures: 'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is also committed to producing the character of Jesus in us, enabling us to live as Jesus would in our place ie job, family and time: 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22,23).

'Let the church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him'

(Andrew Murray).

*Taken from Parish Pump*

Some time ago we collected green milk bottle tops. We now have a new contact that will take these for charity. Please collect your tops (washed , please) and bring them to church and they will be passed on

Many thanks

**Miscellany** was formed in 1982 when five or six friends in Clevedon, North Somerset, began exploring the choral repertoire for upper voices and chose a name to reflect the range of music that they sang. ...

The programme the ladies have chosen for us will consist of 13 items in each half, so each half should take 40-45 minutes, starting at 3 pm.

There will be classics, traditional songs, folk songs, songs about love and music, songs from the shows, lullabies, and a few classic pops - including titles such as 'cross the wide Missouri, Cry me a river, How high the moon, I'm beginning to see the light, We've only just begun, Ascot Gavotte, The Surrey with the fringe on top, Fields of gold.

Hopefully something to please everyone at some stage, plus plenty of less well known but equally attractive items, including vocal solos and duos and a couple of instrumental solos.

**Please come and support this event**

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**MISCELLANY**

**Miscellany Choir with Rachel Hamilton**

**Easy-listening songs, solos, duos  
and instrumental items  
from classics to moderns**



**Saturday May 12 at 3 p.m.**

**Tickets £5**

**Including tea/coffee and cake**



**Contact  
773626 or 773051  
for tickets**



**Circuit Easter Offering Service**

**at Salem**

**on Tuesday May 8th  
at 2.30p.m.**

**All are welcome -  
this is not just for  
ladies!!**



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

During recent weeks the number at evening services has dwindled considerably. There were only 5 members of congregation last week and even special services do not attract extra numbers.

Having spoken with the superintendent minister, it is suggested that there will be NO evening services on the next plan i.e. June/July/August. It is embarrassing when a preacher arrives and finds just a handful of people. This will also help the circuit at a time when preachers are in short supply

The situation will be on the Agenda at the Church Council in July and if anyone would like to make a comment, please speak to a steward

## News of Salem friends and family

- \*\* We are pleased that David Carter is recovering well from his surgery and we continue our prayers for his recovery. We also pray for Caroline as she herself recovers and cares for David
- \*\* We continue our prayers for Pearl and Maureen McKenzie as they continue their treatment
- \*\* Jean Cordy and Jean Stalker are both unwell. May they know God's love, peace and comfort at this time
- \*\* Heather has written a separate article in this magazine. She has also posted on the notice Board in the Hall, a copy of the tributes paid to Keith at his funeral for those who would like to read them. We continue to support her with our love and prayers

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### May programme

1st	Mr J. Edwards
8th	Circuit Easter Offering Service at Salem
15th	Sing-along
22nd	AGM

## COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for  
friendship and chat  
on  
Wednesday May 2nd  
from 10 a.m.



**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**

## Report on Holy Week

The church was open on several days during Holy Week for prayer and meditation. It was much appreciated by those who came - but where were YOU? So few people came that it is not be an event that will be repeated.

The Fun Morning for children however, was very popular. 31 children came for various Easter activities and enjoyed their time with us. Thank you to all those who came to help. It was a good team effort for this piece of Outreach which we do during the school holidays

We celebrated Maundy Thursday in St. Michael's Rooms. It was a slightly different style, but very meaningful. The Agape is a very special event for our two churches.

Thank you too to those who helped in the Good Friday service. It was good to see friends from Bethesda with us as we shared in the story of that first Good Friday and reflected on the words of Jesus as he hung on the cross.

The Passion Play at the Barn was an amazing production. The play was written by the daughter of one of the clergy and the cast were all members of local churches. Ken Luxon took one of the major roles and gave a wonderful performance. Kathryn was also instrumental in the production. Well done to everyone.

YOU MISSED A TREAT!! - even though it was cold

Brenda Isherwood led us in an Easter morning service and decorated the cross with flowers. So many people enjoy this service and it was a joy to see many friends sharing with us. The communion service was in the evening. This enabled those who are not able to be with us on a morning to make an Easter communion

The Church: under the same  
management for over 2000 years.



## Wind in Our Hair

Many of you have had first hand experience of the wonderful work which St Peter's Hospice carries out. It is currently Bristol's only adult hospice and offers many hours of care by telephone, in the community and in the homes of patients. The Room to Care Appeal has been launched to develop an inpatient unit to meet the complex needs of palliative care and help make the stay more comfortable for patients, families and friends.

My sister-in-law Su and I have decided to take to the sky in an attempt to raise some money for the Room to Care Appeal.

On 31st May we shall, in turn, be harnessed on top of the wing of a biplane and experience an exciting series of flypasts, zoom climbs, steep dives and banks, from RFC Rendcomb Airfield at Cirencester.

We are dedicating our experience to our sister-in-law Gill who passed away in 2016

If you would like to donate to this appeal we have set up a Just Giving donation page :- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kathryn-nichols1> which also enables you to use Gift Aid.

If you are not an IT user but would still like to donate, please let me know.

Please think of us on the 31st and say a little prayer that we have good weather and our wing walking experience brings us down safely!

Thank you

Kathryn



**Come and Celebrate**

**ROGATIONTIDE**

**Sunday 13th May at 6pm**

**A service of Praise**

at

**Latteridge Green Farm, BS37 9TS**

**followed by Cheese & Wine**

**Opportunity to look first hand at modern farm vehicles**

**PLENTY OF PARKING**

### **Outing to Sidmouth**

There will be an outing to Sidmouth on Wednesday May 23rd leaving Community Centre at 9.30p.m.

Cost of coach will be £20 - less if we can fill the coach

## Church Calendar

Wednesday May 2nd

7.30p.m. Holy Habits evening

Saturday May 12th

Miscellany (Ladies choir) at 3p.m

Sunday May 13th

6.p.m Ecumenical Service for Christian Aid Week in Barn at Iron Acton

Sunday May 20th

2 p.m. Circuit Pentecost Celebration at Badminton Road

Sunday July 15th

1-3p.m. Contact the elderly

6 p.m. Circuit Farewell service

### URGENT Requirements

Because of recent events and appointments, it has become necessary to ask for your consideration in offering your services to the church.

Are you able to become a door steward? This involves being on a rota to welcome everyone as they come through the door.

If you are a car driver, we need volunteers on the car rota, to collect people from their home and take them back at the end of the service. This enables those who cannot drive/ or live at a distance , to get to worship. – a valuable ministry.

An important part of our fellowship is the “cuppa” after each service. It is often the only time we have to chat and support each other.

BUT the making of tea and coffee has come down to just one or two.

Can you please help?

There are still spaces on the Flower rota. Unless those who have not done it before offer to provide flowers, then the “few” have to do “more”.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your co-operation

# Preachers for May

	10.30 a.m.	6 p.m.	Flowers
6th	Rev J. Chard (S)	Church Stewards	Mrs J. Haley
13th	Mrs V. Lamont	Ecumenical Service at Iron Acton Barn	Mrs M. Barclay
20th	PENTECOST Mrs V. Lear	2 p.m. Circuit Service at Badminton Road	Mrs S. Wollen
27th	Mr D. Ujvarosy Mrs J. Tovey	Rev. P Stonehewer	

CAR ROTA	Ron,	Lin
6th	John & Linda	775768
13th	Ruth	771929
20th	Jayne	773051
27th	John & Linda	775768



He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and  
the Scriptures in his hands, has all he needs.

*A MacLaren*

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