

Salem Methodist Church
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SALEM NEWS

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See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28

Give Him a call! *(from Parish Pump website)*

The phone was a great invention. How easy, to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. Once a phone was a luxury item; now we take it for granted that this gadget in our pocket enables us to contact anyone, at any time, in any place.

However, how many times have you rung someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you must wait in a queue for ages before your call is answered. A voice informs you that 'your call is important to us' ... but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it's good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him.

There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can call on God directly. This service is free, with no charges. He hears our every call, and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

Take it to the Lord in Prayer

A line from a favourite hymn, it guides us to share our joys, celebrations, fears and worries with our God.

There are many opportunities during our services to pass on our prayers, including writing a "prayer leaf"

We invite you to write a message or request on a the paper leaves and place in the basket on the bookcase .

These will be blessed and later added to the prayer tree

Charles Wesley - Pray without ceasing prayand
call upon the Lord (StF 528)



Action for Children

Many thanks to our “lantern” collecting box owners for your generosity

The total collected in boxes, from scone sales and Christmas crafts this year was £328.08, and the total from sale of “woolly” hats was £320. - A total of £648

Thank you

This money will support children and young people through Action for Children—our Methodist charity

New collectors or donations always welcome

Thank you for your support

Elizabeth

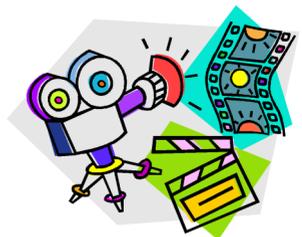


Film afternoons

Many thanks to those who organise the enjoyable Film afternoons

This is an opportunity for members and friends to come together to watch a wide range of films and to share refreshments. It has not only been fun, but has raised £606 in donations for church funds

We look forward to the Autumn film programme (beginning on September 9th) and spending time with friends—old and new



Coffee and Bacon Butty mornings

A big “Thank you to everyone who comes along to share chat, company and refreshments at our monthly Coffee mornings and Bacon Butty days

We have a number of regular customers who support us, and we are delighted to see new friends and neighbours “pop in “ and join us - a good time to catch up and make new friends too.

We are delighted to have raised over £1,200 for Chapel funds as well as other donations for Macmillan and Methodist Women in Britain

So... “Thank you” it proves we can do great things and have a good time as well.

New friends are always welcome

The Coffee and Butty team



Toilet Twinning

We can all drink a glass of water, wash our hands or go to the toilet without it turning into a life-or-death situation.

Yet dirty drinking water, **unhealthy hygiene and unsafe sanitation cause the deaths of 1.4 million people every year and over 1000 children under the age of 5 every day**, pay for medicines or food and fall into debt.

We are hoping to twin our three toilets with those in places where they have dirty water and no loos

Thank you to those who have already donated to this project. You can still help by placing a donation in an envelope marked “toilet twinning” and placing it in the offering basket



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN WITH US IN OUR REGULAR EVENTS

You will receive a warm welcome

**Coffee morning will be on
Wednesday August 6th from 10 a.m**

*This is an opportunity to meet with friends for
conversation and enjoy coffee or tea*



**Bacon Butty morning will be on
Saturday August 16th from 10 a.m.**

Please come and join us for a bacon

butty and /or toasted teacake with tea or coffee



**Women's Fellowship will meet on
Tuesday August 26th at 2.30p.m.**

*All ladies are welcome to join us for an
afternoon of fellowship*

Book this date

Saturday September 20th

The church will be open from 10a.m.—4 p.m.
for the Heritage Open Day



There will be floral decorations, historical exhibitions,
opportunities to explore family history, organ/piano recitals,
and of course refreshments

***Help will be needed throughout the day
Please consider if you can offer support***

A page to make you smile!!

Golf

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf, and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car, drove 30 miles to a golf course, and began to play. But an angel watching the minister was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, "Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he's doing."

God nodded in agreement as the minister teed up on the tenth hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup, 350 yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The minister was overjoyed.

The angel turned to God and said: "Begging your pardon, but I thought You were going to punish him." And God smiled. "Think about it; who can he tell?"

THE CATHOLIC CARTOON by *Joselyn Masterson*



Pre internet chat room using
An old version of windows...



Prayer Diary August 2025

4th	
Church	Hall & rooms - the various meetings & groups who use them
Offices of the church	Communion stewards
Church membership	M
Church connections	Children in the community
World wide	
Church	Cuba

11th	
Church	Kitchen - all who provide & serve refreshments
Offices of the church	District chair - Marcus Torchon
Church membership	N & O
Church connections	Church charity - Comfort & Joy
World wide	
Church	Central African Republic

18th	
Church	Lectern - readers & worship leaders
Offices of the church	Minister - Leigh Maydew
Church membership	P & Q
Church connections	Churches Together for Fromeside
World wide	
Church	Niger

25th	
Church	Organ - organists/pianists & those who control the hymnal
Offices of the church	Outreach group
Church membership	R
Church connections	Leigh's other churches: Yate & Badminton Road
World wide	
Church	Turkmenistan

Preachers for August 2025

Flowers

3rd	Rev Leigh Maydew	Mrs L. Lewis
10th	Mr Colin Blenkinsopp	Mrs J. Haley
17th	Mr Ken Thomas	Mrs M. Streeting
24th	Rev John Emmett (HC)	Mr B. Gibbs
31st	Miss Naomi Sharp	Mr B. Griffin

PRAYER FOR AUGUST

Heavenly Father,

August – summer holidays and sunny skies. All should be well and yet, around the world all is *not* well!

Every day, it seems, new wars begin, catastrophes occur, world politicians play power games – and people suffer.

It can feel overwhelming and we want to bury our heads in the sand, rather than build sandcastles on the beach.

Help us Lord, to look up; to see things with Your perspective; to remember that Jesus warned us that in this world we will have trouble.

Then help us to remember that He told us to take heart, because He has overcome the world.

Father, help us to savour the summer, as we put our trust in You – our strength, our hope, our ultimate and unfailing security.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

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