

# Welcome to The Avenue Church NEWTON ABBOT

(METHODIST AND  
UNITED REFORMED)



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**As a church, we take the safety and wellbeing of children,  
young people and vulnerable adults seriously.**

## *Weekly Newsletter*

# ***SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2018***

**Lectionary Mark 9:2 - 9**

**MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION at 11.00am**

**“Ructions and Obstructions” - Mark 1:40 - 2:12**

**Led by Rev Gill Daniel**

**Retiring offering for the Benevolent Fund**

**Coffee and tea is served in the Small Hall after the service - All are welcome**

**EVENING WORSHIP at 6.30pm**

**led by Rev Gill Daniel**

### **Pastoral Concerns**

If you are concerned about someone or know of anyone who may appreciate a visit, please contact

**Rev Gill** on 01626 200655

or let **Marion Bament** know Tel: 01803 559101

Email: [marion\\_bament@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marion_bament@yahoo.co.uk)



**Ron and Madge Osborne thank their many friends at The Avenue for the flowers, cards, prayers & good wishes on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.**

**The flowers in church today are given by Dorothy Williams in loving memory of her parents, James and Edith Stephens.**

# ***MID-WEEK DIARY***

<b>January In</b>		<b>January Out</b>	
Total weekly offerings	£2007	Circuit Assessment (4weeks)	£5184
Standing Orders	£2980		
January total in	£4987	January total out	£5184
Difference between offerings and assessment in January -£197			

By the end of January total offerings for the period from September to end-January were over £500 less than was needed to cover our Circuit assessment. This is equivalent to a shortfall of about £1500 for the year as a whole.

## **MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY**

Kingscare Weekly Exercise Class - 9.30am and 'Morning Drop in'.  
AVENUE WALKING GROUP - See separate notice and poster for details.

## **TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY**

KingsCare Weekly 'Cake and Coffee' Morning - See poster in Small Hall  
"Knit for Peace" - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

## **WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**

PRAYER AND PRAISE - 8.00am  
AVENUE COFFEE MORNING - 10.00am - 11.45am  
FIRST LENT LUNCH - 12 noon - 1.30pm - See separate notice and poster for details.

## **THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY**

KingsCare Weekly 'Drop in' - 11.00am - See poster in Small Hall  
LIVING QUESTIONS - 10.30 - 12noon - see separate notice  
BADMINTON CLUB - 8.00pm

## **FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY**

PARENTS AND TODDLERS - 9.00am - 11.30am (School term times only)

## **SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY**



**SHALDON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**  
**COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY**  
**17th FEBRUARY**  
**10.00am - 12 noon**  
**Cakes and 'Bring & Buy' stalls**



**Pantomime - Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February**

If anyone feels they would like to help serve teas and coffee at the Pantomime during the interval, Julie Clarvis would love to hear from you.

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# AVENEWS from the TRUSTEES

## The Benevolent Fund

You may notice that at every communion service a collection plate is placed by the door into the sanctuary for offerings for the **Benevolent Fund**. (According to the Methodist Constitution it is actually a Benevolence Fund but everyone refers to it as the Benevolent Fund!) But what is it for?

One of the purposes of the church is the relief of poverty and distress, and the Fund is designed to be used for that. It is intended to be used first for relief of poverty and distress in the local congregation and neighbourhood.

It is usual practice for the use of the fund to be at the discretion of the local Minister who will hear about particular local needs. The Church Council (or in our case the Trustees) can also decide if any sums surplus to local requirements should be paid to the Methodist Relief and Development Fund or any other fund set up to meet emergency needs arising from various disasters around the world.

Thank you for supporting this work.

**The Avenue Church – a caring, connected community.**

## Downcast Abbey – The Pantomime

Thursday 22nd February at 7:30pm

Friday 23rd February at 7:30pm

Saturday 24th February at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Tickets: Adults £7.00 Children £5.00 available from

Sylvie on 01626 361994 or from

The Church Office 01626 360400



## NEXT SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY

Lectionary Mark 1:9 - 15

*IGNITE at 11.00am*

**MORNING WORSHIP at 11.00am led by Ms Sharon Hurlow**

Coffee and tea is served in the Small Hall after the service - All are welcome

**INFORMAL WORSHIP at 4.00pm at Buckfastleigh**

**NO Evening Service at The Avenue**

**For details and information of other outside events and activities please see the notice boards in the Crush Hall.**

### MONTHLY STUDY GROUP @ The AVENUE

**Living Questions** provides an opportunity to hold open, stimulating conversations about aspects of our Christian faith. Questions breed more questions and, at times, even some answers. Each session provides food for thought about how to put faith into practice, along with coffee/tea and biscuits!. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30 am to 12 noon** in the Small Hall Everyone is welcome to come along. The title : **Lent; a time for reflection?** If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Ann Peers.

**Fern Road housegroup will break for Lent, Easter and the summer holidays.**

**Communion Training - Kingsteignton URC - Saturday 3rd March 10.00am - 3.00pm**  
**Free, including lunch - see poster for full details.**



**Torbay Methodist Luncheon Club**  
**The Anchorage Hotel, Torquay**  
**Next meeting Monday 5th March**  
**Speaker: Brenda Loosemore: "Fun in the fifties with a recycled teenager"**  
**3 course lunch + coffee £11.**  
**Guests welcome - contact Pat Cutts Tel:**

### MONDAY CLUB

**Next meeting Monday**  
**19th February 7.30 for**  
**7.45pm. Speaker:**  
**Viv Ellis**  
**"Fair Trade"**

### Christians Together in Newton Abbot & District

The 51st year of

## LENT LUNCHES

(12 noon to 1.30pm)

for

## CHRISTIAN AID

at

### THE AVENUE CHURCH, NEWTON ABBOT

*Wednesday*

*Lunch provided by*

- 14 February Parish of Newton Abbot Church of England
- 21 February Kingskerswell, Coffinswell, Abbotskerswell C of E
- 28 February Parish of Milber C of E and Shaldon Road Methodist
- 7 March The Avenue Methodist/United Reformed Church
- 14 March Roman Catholic Church
- 21 March Salvation Army, Cornerstone and King's Church
- 28 March Parish of Newton Abbot Church of England

**'Bring and Buy' Stalls and Traidcraft Stall**

### AVENUE WALKING GROUP

**Next Walk will be on Monday 12th February**

**Meet 9.15am at Newton Abbot Railway Station**

**For walk along the Exe Estuary, Exmouth - Topsham.**  
**See poster for details.**

**Walk leader Keith Allen. Tel: 01626 351695**

**The**

**Bereavement** The Next Meeting in 2018 will be  
**Friendship** Tuesday 20th February  
**Group** 2.30 pm to 4.00 p.m. in The Avenue Church

**Marion: 01803 559101**

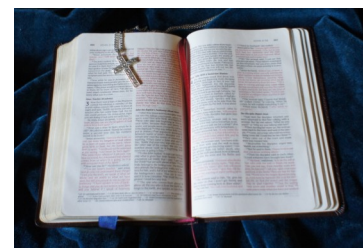
Email: marion\_bament@yahoo.co.uk

There will be a Christmas Market planning meeting on Tuesday 6th March at 2pm in the small hall. This is an open meeting so if anyone wishes to come and join us we would be pleased to see you. Hope to see you there. Janet Wilkes.

### Palm Sunday.

We are planning to get a group of singers together to sing "Jerusalem Joy" with participation by the Junior Church on Sunday March 25th @ 11.00 am. Provisional rehearsal dates are Thursday March 15th and Friday March 23rd @ 7.30 pm. Please note the dates. Thank you. Ian.

### CROSSROADS BIBLE STUDY HELD ON THE 2nd and 4th THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 2.00pm IN THE LOUNGE



**Please ensure that your valuables**  
**are securely in your possession**  
**at all times**