



# Welcome to

# THE Avenue CHURCH



*A Caring, Connected Community*

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**If you need a minister please contact**

**Rev Paul Weir on 07951 224930**

*As a church we take the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults seriously. A loop system is installed for Hearing Aid users*

## **Weekly Newsletter**

### **SUNDAY, 15th March 2020**

**Lectionary John 4: 5 - 42**

**8:00 am Holy Communion led by Rev Malcolm Benton**

**10:45 am Ignite**

**11:00 am Morning Worship led by Rev Martin Manley**

**6:30 pm Evening Worship led by Simon Butcher**

*Coffee and tea are served in the Small Hall after the morning service.*

*All are welcome*

**Pastoral Concerns:** If you are concerned about someone or know of anyone who may appreciate a visit, please contact **Rev Paul** on 07951 224930 or let **Gill Sinden** know Tel:01626 203678:



The flowers in church today are given by Sue Hounsell and family  
in loving memory of Peter

**MONDAY 16 March**

9:30 am KingsCare Weekly Exercise Class - and 'Morning Drop in'  
Monday Club **CANCELLED** (see back page)

**TUESDAY 17 March**

KingsCare Weekly 'Cake and Coffee Morning'

**WEDNESDAY 18 March**

8:00 am Prayer and Praise

10:00 am Coffee Morning

Lent Lunch **CANCELLED**

7:30 pm Evening Jigsaw at Wetherspoons

**THURSDAY 19 March**

10:30 am Living Questions: 'What we see'

11:00 am KingsCare Weekly 'Drop in'

Lydia's Link **CANCELLED**(see back page)

**FRIDAY 20 March**

**NO** Toddler Group

7:15 pm 1st Jerusalem Joy Rehearsal

**SUNDAY, 22 March (Lent 4)**

*Mothering Sunday*

***Lectionary John 9: 1-41***

**10:30 am Junior Church**

**11:00 am Morning Worship led by Rev Malcolm Benton**

*(Please note change of preacher from the plan)*

**6:30 pm Evening Worship led by Rev Kevin Hooke**

**A message from our Children and Families Worker:**

This week there is evening Jigsaw on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. If you would like to meet at church and walk over to Wetherspoon together just let me know. Please let me know if you are planning to join us 07709424558.

Catalyst Youth Group is on this Friday (20th) at 7.30pm, all 11-18 year olds welcome.

Bearnes Primary will be coming in for Easter crafts on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to help with this please see me!

Do remember the young people in your prayers and get in touch if you would like to make an appointment to see me.

'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love'.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Love in Christ,

# AVENEWS from the TRUSTEES

## Coronavirus

Following the latest Government announcement on Thursday, the Methodist Church has updated its guidelines concerning coronavirus. As of Friday, these guidelines say:

*Older members and those with medical conditions causing weaker health and greater vulnerability should consider not attending church for the time being if they are worried about infection. This is an act of mutual care and concern, and is not a desire that people 'give up' Church.*

*If you are not an older member and don't have underlying health conditions, but are feeling ill and/or displaying the symptoms of a cold, please consider staying away from the service.*

Clearly we need to keep ourselves safe as well as act responsibly towards one another, to lessen the risks of infection.

It is likely that various activities and meetings will be cancelled or postponed in coming weeks (*see back page*), something that we do not do lightly, and there may be less pastoral visiting. Where this is the case, we need to keep in contact more by phone – we will look to organise this, but please do so informally as well. Your friends will welcome your call!

For those of you who are able to access the internet you can watch a live streamed worship service from Wesley's Chapel (starts 11.00am every Sunday) by going to

The Methodist Church Website [www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/)

Or of course you can watch Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1:15 pm on Sundays.

For those who will continue to attend church physically, measures will be taken to minimise any risk including not shaking hands, increasing hand washing, and the careful preparation and distribution of communion.

We are in an unprecedented situation which has led to much uncertainty for all of us and for our communities. We will continue to work together, to pray for our communities and to offer practical and spiritual support as we are able.

The Methodist Church offer us this prayer for us to use:

*God of all hope we call on you today. We pray for those who are living in fear: Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them. May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace. We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty: for those people who are worried about attending worship; for those needing to make decisions in order to care for others; for those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend. Grant us your wisdom.*

*Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.*

*Amen*

Thank you for your understanding at this trying time.

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## STUDY GROUPS at THE AVENUE

**Living Questions:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th March, topic, 'What we see.'

**Ephphatha:** The next meeting to be arranged

**Crossroads Bible Study:** Meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm

### CTNA Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunches have been cancelled

### Monday Club

Monday Club have suspended their activities until further notice.

### Toddler Group

Toddler Group has been cancelled until further notice

### Crossroads Bible Study

Crossroads Bible Study is not meeting at the moment. They will resume after Easter looking at the Sermon on the Mount starting with Chapter 5 in Matthew's Gospel.

### President's visit cancelled

The visit of Rev Dr Barbara Glasson to Crediton Congregational Church on Sunday 15th March has been cancelled

### Lydia's Link

This week's Lydia's Link meeting has been cancelled

### Jerusalem Joy

**Palm Sunday April 5th at 11.00 am.**

As part of our Palm Sunday worship we are going to sing  
**'Jerusalem Joy'**

If you enjoy singing, please come along to the practices at 7.15 pm on Friday March 20th and Friday April 3rd.

### Car Parking Charges

As from 1st April, Teignbridge are reinstating Car Parking charges on Sundays. Please don't be caught

### Lent 3 - Coins

On this third Sunday in Lent we scatter coins at the foot of the cross to remember the cleansing of the temple. Help us God to love you and your ways: to respect the wisdom of our elders, protect the lives and reputations of those around us, cherish the relationship entrusted to us, and learn the value of enough.

### Christ and the Jewish Roots of The Last Supper

A Lent Study led by Rev Val Price  
Saturday 28th March  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Here at The Avenue Church

If you would like something included in the Weekly Newsletter please email [jeanandbobfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:jeanandbobfrancis@gmail.com) or drop a note into the basket by the Small Hall

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