



Irthlingborough Methodist Church

A warm welcome is extended to all

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Special notices:

Good Morning and I hope you are all staying well. I have been for my early morning exercise – I even picked up the pace and jogged for a few minutes. It is a good job there are not many people around at that time of day. And please don't laugh if you do happen to meet me!

Staying in touch:

Our FaceBook page continues to reach out to those in our community. There is something going out every day, for which we are very grateful.

The church phone is available to leave a message if you need to have a chat and one of our pastoral leaders will get back to you (don't forget to leave a number!). The phone is set up for remote access to the messages. The number is at the top of this newsletter.

This is a bumper edition of the newsletter so please grab a cuppa and enjoy. Today we are celebrating 75 years since VE day. We are having a socially distanced picnic with our neighbours, many of whom I am have just started to get to know recently. It is one of the silver linings of the current situation.

Worship and Prayer:

I shall be sending out the service for Sunday with this newsletter. Thank you to Claire Jennings for putting this together for us. The service will also be available on the website accessed either from the scrolling screen on the front page or from the Worship at home tab where all the Circuit services are available, should you want to look back at anything.

I have received a letter from a friend who moved to Norwich just over a year ago. It is good that we can keep in touch. She sent me the following prayer – I am afraid it does not tell me where it comes from but I am wishing each of you peace today.

Peace between me and each friend

Peace in the morning and at the day's end

Peace in each hour and the whole day

Peace on my journey and all of the way.

Peace in the work that I need to do

Peace in my life

Peace comes from You.

Celebration Special!

75th Anniversary of VE Day 8th May 2020

It is a great pity that IMC cannot formally commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. However, to bring a few memories back we thought we should show some photos of past national celebrations where IMC has been able to organise a special event.

In July 2002 we were able to celebrate the **Queen's Golden Jubilee** with an afternoon tea at the home of Robert and Pam Parker in Pine Trees. On numerous occasions very many happy memories were created enjoying Pam and Robert's hospitality before they moved back to Ireland but they have kept in close touch with the Church and this week celebrated the birth of their first grandchild.



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in May 2012 by a joint exhibition with Irthlingborough Historical Society of wedding gowns and photos from the last 60 years. Brides from each decade displayed their wedding outfits – and the staff looked very smart too!



In June 2016 the Chapel held an afternoon tea to celebrate **the Queen's 90th birthday**. The decorations and cakes look very inviting!



Our last celebratory event entitled **"A Brave New World"** was the **commemoration of the end of WW1** in Sept 2018 when again with IHS, we acted out the return of the soldiers to Irthlingborough together with a supper, similar to that which would have been served to the returning soldiers.



Kathleen and Ron

Thank you to Kathleen and Ron for putting this together. It is wonderful to be able to share in some pictures of past celebrations. You will find some of them up on the wall in the vestry keeping me company in my work!

Family news:

I have been in touch with our regular users of the premises. All are well and waiting to see what the news is from the government on Sunday. I think it will be a while before our groups are up and running again but it is good to keep in touch. The Historical Society was planning to use our halls for a big event today and tomorrow. This is now provisionally booked for the 15th and 16th August, depending on the rules in place at that time. It will be interesting to see their display at some point.

Carolyn Thorne who runs the dance fitness class on Monday mornings has sent this message to us:

I am continuing to run dance fitness classes virtually using Zoom. Some members have taken to it as a life line, others are preferring to take a regular walk and look forward to returning to class when we feel it is safe to do so.

It is a lovely picture in my head to see them all exercising via zoom!

Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts and have a good weekend

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