



# 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 shall be on leave next week, so the next newsletter will be out on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. Rev'd Kim will be back from her holidays this weekend. I hope you have had an amazing time and feel the benefit of a bit of relaxation.

## **Staying in touch:**

Our FaceBook page continues to reach out to those in our community.

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.

Please consider whether you have anything to submit to the newsletter for my return from leave. It is proving to be a useful way to keep in touch with each other.

## **Worship and Prayer:**

I shall be sending out the service sheet for this Sunday with the newsletter. It has been prepared for the circuit by Claire Jennings. A big thank you to all our ministers and local preachers who have been preparing services for us.

Today I would like to share with you a piece of anonymous writing about smiling! We could all do with a smile now and then....

'A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.'

As we are having to wear face coverings more when we are out and about it is going to be harder to share a smile with someone who really needs it. Do we need to be thinking of other ways we can share a smile with those around us?

## **Family news:**

Nothing has been submitted for family news so I am assuming that all is ok with you all. I know there have been several church family birthdays recently, so happy birthday to all those who have been celebrating.

