



Irthlingborough Methodist Church

A warm welcome is extended to all

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Good Morning and I hope you are all staying well. It is really windy today so I hope none of you gets blown over!

Staying in touch:

Our FaceBook page continues to reach out to those in our community. Thank you Sophie for all your hard work with this. It is an excellent way to show God's love and the message we have to share with those of our town and beyond.

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. Wendy is available on the same number Tuesday and Friday mornings.

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter I would be delighted to hear from you.

Worship and Prayer:

I will be sending out the service sheet for this Sunday with this newsletter. It has been prepared for us this week by Marie Armitage.

I have been pondering on the issue of tolerance this week. Social media seems to be filled with anger at those not wearing face masks, being asked to wear face masks, those abiding by the rules, those not abiding by the rules..... On top of that we have an unusual amount of migrants crossing the channel due to the better weather (wouldn't like to do it myself, especially today in all this wind!). It seems to have been made worse by people's frustration at lock down, the economic decline etc. Whilst I fully understand at least some of this, I do wonder where our tolerance has gone. Some people can't wear a mask for medical reasons and I personally feel that they shouldn't have to shout it to the roof tops, but should be quietly accepted. Those trying to cross the channel surely wouldn't be attempting such a thing if they weren't desperate. Whatever your view on this, perhaps we should be asking where we stand as Christians at this moment in time. Jesus came as Saviour of the whole world, not just the favoured few. Could we be a shining light in the darkness, leading the way with tolerance and understanding?

'Jesu, Jesu,

Fill us with your love,

Show us how to service

The neighbours we have from you.' Singing the Faith 249

Family news:

————— **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE!** —————

As we make further plans towards re-opening our building for worship different requirements are cropping-up and we are looking for gifts and talents from within our fellowship to facilitate our Sunday morning worship.

We really, really need a 'Tech-savvy' volunteer who would be happy to regularly prepare a PowerPoint presentation of the service to include Hymns, Bible Readings, Prayers and some lovely visuals.

All the information you require would come from the preacher appointed for the week ahead.

As we already have some very Tech-savvy Ministers and Local Preachers this would not be a commitment every week and is something that a few people could take on as a small team.

We now have full internet connection in the Church building so 'all things IT are possible!'

PLEASE, PLEASE pray and think about this. Is this a gift you could offer to God which would enhance our worship to Him!

For further information or a 'chat' about this, please talk to Ruth Rollings. Call me on 07981233435 or (01933) 652410 or e.mail ruthroll49@gmail.com.

With thanks and blessings,
Ruth

I am pleased to report that we have had one offer of help. More would ease the burden and if we can find 4 or 5 then you would only have to do it once a month.....