

ALDERSHOT METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES July 2023



Dear Friends,

This time last year, I was involved in lots of endings. Ending of my full time study at Queens, ending of working with my link church in Birmingham and as a family, we were looking towards moving to Farnborough. It does not seem like it has been a year. And yet, as we start to draw towards the end of the Connexional Year and the start of a new one in September, I wonder if you look back, where have you seen God revealed? What changes can you thank God for? In June we have been exploring Revelation together, as part of Bible Month. Revelation is a tricky book, full of creative, and sometimes bizarre imagery which to our 21st Century minds can seem confusing and perhaps irrelevant. However, when we start digging into the symbolism, it contains a rich depth of ideas which resonate with the way that the world is now, and gives us hope for the future. Images of hope and restoration, praise and worship are prevalent amongst its chapters, alongside a deep understanding that society is not the way that God wishes it to be.

Methodist Conference is always at the end of June, where the new President (Revd. Gill Newton) and Vice President (Deacon Kerry Scarlett) and their theme for the year is “Hidden Treasures”, (Isaiah 35:3) as a challenge to the church to find the treasures within the church and local communities, which God has hidden for us to discover. Whether that is in meaningful missional activity or in discovering ways in which we might support and help one another in our discipleship. As we think ahead to what the year will bring us, I wonder what treasure God is asking you to un-cover? Let us take the opportunity to dig deeper to find those treasures which will help us bring hope, joy, justice and love into our church and community.

Revd. Anne Day

All events take place at Aldershot Methodist Church unless indicated otherwise.

Sat 1st: 10:30 Charity Coffee Morning

Sun 2nd: 10:30 Morning Worship – Revd. Anne Day (Explore Together)

Mon 3rd: 10:00 Toddler Group

19:30 Church Council Meeting

19:30 Aldershot Churches Together Prayer Meeting (St Michaels Church, Aldershot)

Fri 7th: 19:30 House Group

Sun 9th: ***Action for Children Sunday; Sea Sunday; Rural Mission Sunday***

10:30 Morning Worship – David Betts

Mon 10th: 10:00 Toddler Group

19:30 Aldershot Churches Together Prayer Meeting (St Michaels Church, Aldershot)

Wed 12th: 19:30 Craft Circle

Fri 14th: 19:30 House Group

Sun 16th: 10:30 Morning Worship – Revd. Anne Day (Baptism)

Mon 17th: 10:00 Toddler Group

19:30 Aldershot Churches Together Prayer Meeting (St Michaels Church, Aldershot)

Fri 21st: 19:30 House Group

Sun 23rd: 10:30 Morning Worship – Alan Goldring

Mon 24th: 19:30 Aldershot Churches Together Prayer Meeting (St Michaels Church, Aldershot)

Tue 25th: 18:30 Meet and Eat

Fri 28th: 19:30 House Group

Sat 29th: 19:15 Film Night – Rain Man (1988)

Sun 30th: ***International Friendship Day***

10:30 Morning Worship – Revd. Anne Day (Holy Communion)

Mon 31st: 19:30 Aldershot Churches Together Prayer Meeting (St Michaels Church, Aldershot)

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Please provide details of events for inclusion in the **August 2023 Notices** by no later than **Wednesday 26th July 2023**.