**GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**REV KATHARINE BLAND** 

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** HURRAY – We will be able to sing in church this Sunday (albeit with masks). Let’s all get our voices tuned!**

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**BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 25 July 2021 – 2 Samuel 11: 1-15, Psalm 14, Ephesians 3: 14-21 and John 6: 1-21.**

**Extract from – Ephesians 3 – The Love of Christ – For this reason I fall on my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name. I ask God from the wealth of His glory to give you power through His Spirit to be strong in your inner selves and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith….**

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**Please note that all services in the Circuit will start at 10.30am for the foreseeable future.**

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| **Date** | **Preacher** | **Virtual (V) or Physical (P)** | **If can’t attend church – join online by this link** |
|  |  |  | **From 6th June:**  **Online**: click this link to join the meeting via **Zoom**. [Sunday Service Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/93584606158?pwd=VjcxWVBlVTg3NWs1NHRmQ1U0Wk9jUT09)  **On the Phone**: Dial **0330 088 5830** on your telephone,  When it asks for the access code, enter **935 8460 6158#**.  When it asks for your ID, press **#**. |
| 25/7/21 | **Steward – Graham Borg** | P  V | Rev Katharine Bland and Holy Communion  6.30pm – Circuit Service |
| 1/8/21 | **Steward – Janet Crozier** | V | Phillip Kennedy |
| 8/8/21 | **Steward – Robert Graham** | P | Walker |
| 15/8/21 | **Steward – Delia Caswell** | V | Maureen Hilton |
| 22/8/21 | **Steward – Delia Caswell** | P | Rev Katharine Bland and Holy Communion |
| 29/8/91 | **Steward – Christine Taylor** | V | 10.30am Circuit Dial in service |

**Coronavirus Update**

With the imminent lifting of restrictions on 19/07/2021, the Leadership Team have met as normal and have reviewed the Methodist Church revised guidance regarding Coronavirus and are pleased to give you the following update which (subject to any local or Governmental changes) will be valid from Sunday 25/07/2021.

Basics:

* No restrictions on communal worship and singing
* No restrictions on weddings, funerals, baptisms
* No requirement for Covid vaccination certification
* Face coverings – these will be still be required for the duration of the service (if you forget one, we can provide one)
* There will be an element of Social Distancing retained as we must consider the more vulnerable amongst us
* There will be more chairs put out and it will look more like ‘church’
* We continue to encourage good cleaning and hygiene regimes
* Good fresh air supplies into property are required so windows and doors will remain open to aid ventilation, so if it’s a cold day – wrap up warm
* You will still be required to use the NHS Test & Trace system via the app or manually (unfortunately refusal will exclude you from admission)

**To keep us all safe:**

* We’ll keep good ventilation and meet outdoors if possible
* Encourage handwashing and keep sanitiser stations
* Encourage people to stay at home if unwell
* Consider clinical vulnerabilities, illness and vaccination status
* There will be a retiring collection bucket on exit at each service – no passing of collection plates / bags (please use contactless payment whenever possible)
* Please deter from handshaking
* Use personal equipment / books only – hymnbooks / bibles are not available

To limit any risk - continue to do our bit to avoid potentially sharing the virus (we can still all be a carrier)

* Services will be continuing to be a combination of either ‘in person preacher’ or ‘preacher via Zoom’ – check the noticeboard at front of church or main door for following Sunday’s details or the weekly notice sheet.
* Services remain at 10.30am
* Services are limited to 40 minutes
* No more than 3 hymns to be sung with masks worn
* To avoidance of sharing equipment / fixtures / fittings – only 1 reader per service
* Communion – we will retain the combined individually wrapped packs of wafer and wine to share together in the service. There are no shared cups/etc and those distributing to wear facemask.

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**My Mum’s favourite hymn –** (Christine Taylor)

How Sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubles breast; ‘Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build my shield and hiding place, my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest and King. My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought; but when I see Thee as Thou art, I’ll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of Thy Name refresh my soul in death. *[John Newton (1725 – 1807]*

*This hymn was originally published as one of the Olney Hymns (1779) written by William Cowper and John Newton. Although Couper’s is perhaps the more famous name, he only contributed 68 of the hymns, the remaining 280 being the work of Newton (amongst them such classics as ‘Glorious things of Thee are spoken’). The title of the hymn comes from the Song of Solomon 1:3, which runs ‘They name is as ointment poured forth.’*

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**Room / Event Bookings new procedure**

With immediate effect please direct all room / event booking enquiries to Robert Graham via one of the following methods:

DM via the Glazebury Methodist Church Facebook page

By email: [Robert.graham5@sky.com](mailto:Robert.graham5@sky.com)

By Phone or text: 07806 600508

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**Please CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING in your prayers:-**

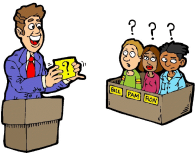
***Peter’s treatment is completed and he rang the bell on 19 July 2021. Thank you for all your support and prayers during the last few months. Bless you all Peter and Delia.***

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**LEADERSHIP TEAM** **MEETS ON A REGULAR BASIS**. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES/QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY ARE AND I WILL TAKE THEM TO THE MEETING – IT DOESN’T MATTER WHAT THE QUESTION/CONCERN MIGHT BE. WE CANNOT WORK FOR YOU IF YOU DON’T TELL US WHAT YOU MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT!!! NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST.**

*[Christine Taylor]*

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**Topic: Quiz Night  
Time: 30 July 2021 8:00 PM**   
Join Zoom Meeting  
Topic: Quiz Night  
**Time: This is a recurring meeting - meet anytime**

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89804710886?pwd=dE9IVm53WWNoZlUxQkYyQzU3am91Zz09  
  
**Meeting ID:** 898 0471 0886  
**Passcode:** 465850

**NB – QUIZ NIGHTS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AT 8PM**

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**IF YOU WOUD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWS SHEET PLEASE CONTACT ME - CHRISTINE TAYOR –ON 07801252625 OR** [**christine4872@sky.com**](mailto:chrisine4872@sky.com)

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