

GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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REV KATHARINE BLAND

Heating Update:- Please be aware that we still have some issues with the heating at the rear of the building, mainly affecting the church hall. During the first lockdown the gas central heating system in effect dried up, broke down and caused damage without us noticing. We have not needed to tell you this to date as this was fixed with love (avoiding considerable expense £000's) by our own qualified heating engineer - Peter. Only when it came to officially reopen and there was a need for heating, it became apparent that the Nest system which allows us to remotely operate the thermostat / timer / etc. was not working correctly. This issue has been resolved in recent weeks. However, it has now come to light that the heating system is not now operating all the radiators. This has been investigated a few times over the last few weeks. We thought that the issues were resolved after a visit last Friday. However, on Sunday the system had reverted to not all of the radiators working. Since then the system has been reviewed again and are now having to dig deeper into the issue to try and resolve as soon as possible.

Drains Update:-You will be aware that there has not been any movement recently on the position with the drainage from the kitchen.

This is because the volunteers who have been trying to resolve the issue in the most economically advantageous way have been busy working and also the ground has been too waterlogged.

When the initial trial hole was dug out the church insurance company visited the site and said that there was never a proper drain in place so would not be able to fix at their expense. At that point we looked and planned to install a soakaway drain with fat traps. To do this we needed to dig a deeper hole. This was done and during this digging we found a deeper drain which was running away from the building. We then engaged a drain company from the village who carried out a survey and followed the drain until a blockage was met approximately 2/3 metres further from the building in the direction of the car park. It is likely that root damage from the trees had aided the drain block in some way. We were advised to dig a couple more deeper holes to see if this was the case. To date this has not been done.

In October we just so happened to have someone giving a talk at Men's Breakfast who just so happened to be a water diviner. He was able to follow the same drain across the car park to the trees alongside Warrington Road.

In November we were able to speak to United Utilities unofficially who checked their maps to see if there was a drain in the same place. Unfortunately, they have no records of this, but

they have no records of any drains coming from the church which is not true as our main drain is on the other side of the church building coming from the toilets. They did say that as the drain would be likely Victorian it may not show on their records anyway.

So, what we need to do now is to dig a couple of deep holes on either side of the car park at our expense to see if there are the remains of a drain. If there is, we will get back to the Insurance Company to see if they can pay for fixing and re-instatement or we will have to revert to either having a new pipe laid from the building to the main road at considerable expense to ourselves or installation of a soakaway which will not cost as much.

Please continue to bear with us and we'll let you know of updates as soon as we are made aware.

Thanks
Robert Graham (on behalf of the Church Leadership Team)

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 30 JANUARY 2022 –Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71 1-6; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 and Luke 5: 1-11

EXTRACT FROM Psalm 71 – In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me. Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

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THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DATE IN THE FUTURE OF THE LEIGH AND HINDLEY CIRCUIT (YOUR CIRCUIT) AND GLAZEBURY METHODIST CHURCH – Can as many people as possible attend this event at Bedford Methodist Church. It is really important we have our say. We need your views. You do not have to hold a role within the church to attend.

Following on from the Circuit Vision Day in October, the following prayer points were identified.

The Circuit Vision: Implementation Day will be taking place on **Saturday, 19 February 9 .30am – 12.30pm at Bedford Methodist Church**. Ahead of this we ask that you keep these seven points in your prayers. Each church will be given further information in organising opportunities for prayer ahead of the Implementation Day.

1. For the Circuit to identify as a team and to work more closely together.
2. To explore opportunities to share people and resources more closely.
3. To improve communication across the Circuit and between churches.
4. To provide pastoral support for our congregations and our staff.
5. To encourage opportunities to work closely with children and young people and our schools.
6. To explore opportunities to support our local communities.
7. To develop opportunities to support outreach work, including 'New People, New Place

[Andrea (Circuit Office)]

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The 2022 Flower Rota has been posted on the notice board in the church foyer. If you would like to take up one of the Vacant dates then please speak to Brenda or Christine.

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH THIS WEEK PROVIDED BY JANET THOMAS.

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REVISED NOTICE

COFFEE MORNINGS – The next Coffee Morning will be held on **Tuesday, 8 February 2022 – 10.00am – 12noon** - If you can help with our Coffee Morning please contact Janet Crozier (Steward).

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Rev Wilfred Robinson and Reverend Katharine Bland will be leading the **Circuit Lent Course** on Thursdays March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and April 7th at Bedford Methodist Church 7.30pm All welcome [Andrea, Circuit Office]

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:-

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, 24 February 2022 – 7.30pm – please try and attend.

Circuit Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 February 2022. Delia Caswell (for congregation) and Janet Crozier (for Stewards) to attend.

World Day of Prayer – Friday, 4 March 2022 - 7pm at Newchurch Parish Church – Rupert Reece will take the service.

Pastoral Meeting-Wednesday, 9 March 2022 – (via Zoom or at Church?)

Harvest Festival – 2 October –hopefully at the allotment as last year.

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SERVICES AT GLAZEBURY METHODIST

Date	Preacher	Virtual (V) or Physical (P)	If you can't attend church – join online by this link
			<p>Online: click this link to join the meeting via Zoom. Sunday Service Zoom Link</p> <p>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 #.</p>
2022			
30/1/22	Live Stream/ Local Arrangement	V	Steward – Delia Caswell
6/2/22	Maureen Hilton	P	Steward – Janet Crozier
13/2/22	Breakfast Church/ Local Arrangement	V	Steward – Christine Taylor
20/2/22	Live Stream/Local Arrangement	V	Steward – Graham Borg
27/2/22	Rev Wilfred Robinson (HC)	P	Steward –Delia Caswell

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Please CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING in your prayers:-

Please let me have any prayer requests.

- **Pat Turner who is very ill in Warrington Hospital and for Pat's husband ????????? and their family.**

Those, for one reason or another, feel that they are not ready to return to church. May your blessings be always with them. For any of our friends and relatives who are finding these times difficult. May your presence be with them.

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THE 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!!!

[Christine Taylor]

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