

MONMOUTHSHIRE 50p Wednesday, February 14, 2017

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Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, March 14th at 6.30 p.m. at Rogiet Methodist Church, you are warmly invited to join us for the first of what we hope will be a quarterly series of services of prayers for healing and wholeness, run jointly by clergy and lay preachers at St Mary's, Rogiet and Rogiet Methodist Church. Planning is going well for this first one as we meet regularly and look forward to trying something new in our locality.

Thought for  
the weak



with the Rev Preben  
Andersen

We believe that the world today is a place very much in need of the healing and wholeness that can come only from God. And we believe also that in every human being there is the same need and desire for private space, reflection, prayer, and yes, for those who find this helpful, to share in Holy Communion and laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

We are all different and therefore these services will entirely respect and acknowledge this in what is offered. People should feel free to come, and go, or stay for as long or for as short a time as they wish, but knowing that here is an opportunity for stillness and meditation, for prayer, for listening to soothing music, and indeed to find someone to speak to, or who is prepared to listen.

Your normal Sunday service tends to have a certain amount of structure to it, and indeed that structure has stood the test of time for over 2,000 years and there is nothing wrong with it at all. However, what we are hoping to offer in just over a month's time is something less 'rigid', designed and able to adapt to each individual and our needs and expectations as we come.

Jesus came to teach and to preach and to heal and drive out demons, and as I see it to fill every human being with a new sense of wholeness. As Christians, I believe we have a responsibility to follow in His footsteps. I look forward enormously to this new initiative between our two churches in Rogiet and pray that you will be able to join us. You will be made most welcome, however and with whatever expectations you come, or none...

**Rev Preben Andersen**