



Monthly Notices - September 2020

Our Ministers - Rev Lin Healey & Rev Joe Rooney

To communicate with our Ministers please use the website
www.caldicotmethodists.co.uk - and select 'Contact Us'

Pastoral letter

Dear Friends

Some months ago, the Circuit Leadership Team asked the Rev Lin Healey and myself if we would take on and share the pastoral responsibility for the Caldicot and Rogiet section of the Circuit, after Preben's retirement.

At that time we thought we had some idea of what we were taking on. Then Covid 19 came along, with churches closed, face to face visits not allowed, and we found that what we had agreed to do became a very different undertaking.

We have been in contact with as many people as we can, trying to hold the Church family together, and serving the community in the best way we know how.

These have been and continue to be ,difficult times for all of us, and for some folk they have been very difficult times indeed.

Keeping government regulations and following the guidance put out by the Methodist Church means that church life is very different at the moment from what we would want it to be. Those who have to make the decisions about what to do, are trying hard to do the best they can for the sake of everyone of us.

So dear friends have a care for each other, encourage one another on the road ahead, be joyful in the Lord, and know that He will never leave or forsake us.

Stay safe, keep well, and help each other to keep and share the faith we have in our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace and guidance of God be with us all.

Many Blessings

Rev Joe Rooney.

We welcome all who worship with us

Morning Worship in our Church Building
Every Sunday at 10.00am

LIMITED NUMBERS ONLY - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Booking a seat

Nick and Marion Jones have kindly agreed to coordinate this. Booking can only be made for the following Sunday by contacting them at a specific time Fridays between 3pm and 6pm on 01291 423981. Please be considerate when calling them and keep the call brief by just giving them your name and telephone contact number. Should we have no free seats then you will be given the option to add your name to the list for the next service.

Preachers for September

6th – Rev Lin, 13th – Rev Joe - Holy Communion,
20th – Bridget, 27th Rev Joe - Harvest Festival

Zoom Service - Every Sunday at 10.00am

United with the service in the church

To join the service or for further details or to request the Zoom link be emailed to you please contact Jack Healey or Gareth Edwards (caldicotmc@gmail.com)

A message from our Treasurer Jack Healey



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Dear friends,

Sincere thanks to those of you still supporting our church by way of your offerings however you give. Although the church remains only partially opened we still need to pay bills and wages we are so grateful for your continued support.

Various Charities - Collection Boxes

During the COVID crisis this year it has been impossible for us to collect the money from the many collection boxes. We will collect when it is safe to do so or if you prefer your donations to reach the charity now please forward them a cheque.

Please follow us on Facebook
'Caldicot Methodist Church'



New delivery of tea and coffee also
gardening gloves. If you require
Fairtrade products,
please contact
Margaret Cook



Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.

The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!



Eternity in the human heart

'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.' (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

The 60s hit 'Turn! Turn! Turn!' by the Byrds is based on verses in this chapter: 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.' The different seasons of life are not random, for God is in control and His timing is perfect: 'He has made everything beautiful in its time.'

The verse goes on to say that God 'has also set eternity in the human heart.' This means that we all have an in-built sense that there's more to life than what we can see, as we search for meaning in life. However, we can fill our lives with other things: career, pleasure, shopping and relationships. While good in themselves, these things can never ultimately satisfy. It is only a relationship with God through Jesus that truly satisfies. How does this challenge us?

Firstly, we are to live for God in all that we do, knowing that it all counts for eternity. This includes helping others find a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for eternity.

Secondly, we accept that there is lots in the current 'season' where it's difficult to know what God is doing: 'no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.' However, we do know that everything has consequences for eternity.

Finally, how can we be more aware of eternity every day? Spending time with God in worship and prayer will bring us the true pleasure that belongs to eternity.

'You made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.' (St Augustine).

Paul Hardingham



NEXT MONTHLY NOTICES

If you have an item, please contact Roger by **26th September** -Tel : 01633 880304 or email :- roger@barbaraandroger.co.uk