



# CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

## Monthly Notices - October 2020

Our Ministers - Rev Lin Healey & Rev Joe Rooney

To communicate with our Ministers please use the website  
[www.caldicotmethodists.co.uk](http://www.caldicotmethodists.co.uk) - and select 'Contact Us'

### Letter for October

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Autumn is upon us as the evenings draw in and we return to heating our homes.

September has been a busy month re-opening the Church for Worship within regulations and combining this with the Zoom Service that we began way back in June. It has been a brain teasing time for all involved but especially for our technicians who have exceeded all my expectations.

A big thankyou goes to all those who donated to 'Dolly the Trolley' making a wonderful harvest display in the church and providing welcome supplies for the local food bank.

We have certainly not stopped being 'Church' as a gathered community spiritually but the nature of our gathering has broadened enormously.

Driving to Rogiet last Sunday morning after greeting people on Zoom before leaving home, I was very aware of all the homes I passed on the way out of the village where I knew people were joining in worship because I had smiled with them just a few minutes earlier and, as I passed the Church, I knew they, too, were sharing in that self-same worship. It lifted my heart for this is one of the new things God is doing with us and God is to be greatly praised.

It has left me wondering what new thing God will do with us in the coming month of October. Take care and keep safe,

With every blessing,  
**Rev Lin**



The next  
Church Council is on

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 7.30 pm  
on Zoom**

**Email - [caldicotmc@gmail.com](mailto:caldicotmc@gmail.com)  
for a link to join the meeting.**

*Alison McBain*

### NEXT MONTHLY NOTICES

If you have an item, please contact Roger  
by **28th October** -Tel : 01633 880304 or  
email :- [roger@barbaraandroger.co.uk](mailto:roger@barbaraandroger.co.uk)



**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.

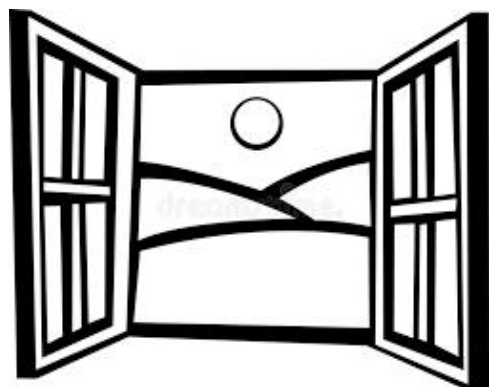
**Preachers for October**

4<sup>th</sup> – Barbara & Frank, 11<sup>th</sup> – Rev Lin - Holy Communion,  
18<sup>th</sup> – Paul, 25<sup>th</sup> Rev Joe

**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)



**OPEN WINDOWS**

Now the colder weather has arrived please wrap up warm if you are intending to come to the church building on a Sunday morning. The Covid risk assessment requires that we need to keep the windows open for ventilation.

**Christmas cards and Fairtrade products.**

Margaret cook now has catalogues for ordering Christmas cards, advent calendars and other Christmas items. She also has the usual Fairtrade products in stock.



If you wish to have these items please contact Margaret (01291431576) or Olive (01291430679) Margaret suggests if you want Christmas orders the sooner you get your orders in the better just in case our area goes into lockdown, as the supplies come from the English side of the border.

## **Psalm 22: Why have you forsaken me?**

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Psalm 22:1 & Matt 27:46). Where is God? is a common question voiced today and shared by Jesus on the cross on the first Good Friday. This question is answered in the psalm, as we look through the lens of Jesus' crucifixion.

It is a real question: Both David and Jesus question God about the pain and darkness of their experience. It is a real question for all suffer, yet they are still able to hold onto a God of love, who has their lives in His hands: 'Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.' (3).

It requires faith to ask: Their complaint about the apparent absence of God is not a sign of losing faith in Him. David remembers those who have trusted God in the past and been saved from their troubles: 'In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.' (4). Just like Jesus on the cross, we are able to entrust ourselves 'to Him who judges justly.' (1 Peter 2:23).

It is answered in experience: When David cried out to God, he experienced his deliverance: 'For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.' (24). As a result, David was able to praise God and witness to His faithfulness.

The fulfilment of these verses are seen in Jesus' resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. He was vindicated by God and has become the source of life and hope for all who trust themselves to Him.

In answer to the question 'Where is God?', we hear the answer, 'Look to the cross of Jesus!'

## **Psalm 46 – a psalm of comfort in anxious times**

To say that we are living in uncertain times is an understatement! Psalm 46 speaks into our anxiety and fear, just as it did to Israel originally. At this time, we must focus on God, who alone can deliver us in such times.

***He is our refuge:*** 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.' (1). In the midst of our difficulties, God promises Himself to be our refuge, strength and help. A 'refuge' is a place of trust, where God promises to protect us. When the whole world is turned upside down, we can come to Him without fear.

***He is our resource:*** 'There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.' (4,5). Jerusalem was able to withstand enemy attack, because of the water that resourced it. For us, this is a picture of the presence of God's Spirit, who resources us when we are under pressure. This psalm promises that God's is with us in all our troubles on a daily basis: 'The Lord Almighty is with us...' (7,11).

***He is our ruler:*** 'He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.' (10). When we consider all that God has done in the past, we can see the way in which He has worked among us to provide, protect, and deliver us. We are called to 'cease fighting' God and surrender our lives to God. Let's worship Him, as we let go fear and as we depend on Him in this current time of crisis.

*'A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing'* (Martin Luther).

**Paul Hardingham**

# METHODIST - related charities

## Contact details

### Home Missions

Methodist Church in Britain Treasurer  
c/o/ Finance Department  
Methodist Church House  
25 Marylebone Road,  
London  
NW1 5JR

Tel: 0207 467 5264

To donate use Just Giving :-  
<https://www.justgiving.com/missioninbritain>

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### World Mission Fund

Methodist Church World Mission Fund  
Methodist Church House  
25 Marylebone Road  
London NW1 5JR

To donate use Just Giving :-  
<https://www.justgiving.com/mcfworldmission/donate>

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### MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged)

MHA,  
Epworth House,  
Stuart Street,  
Derby, DE1 2EQ

To donate use :-  
<https://donate.mha.org.uk/>

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### Christian Aid

**Postal donations:** Unfortunately, there is a delay in processing donations by post. Please give via the website :-

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate>

where possible or call 020 7523 2269 to donate by telephone.

### Action for Children

3 The Boulevard,  
Ascot Road,  
Watford, WD18 8AG

Phone: 0300 123 2112  
(open 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday)  
Email: [ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk)

To donate use :-  
<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/donate>

or to donate with Just Giving :-  
<https://www.justgiving.com/actionforchildren>

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The number of charities is extensive the remainder can be found here :-

<https://www.birminghammethodistcircuit.org.uk/assets/Documentation/Charity/Methodist-Charities-Booklet-Revised-Mar-2017-Final-w.pdf>

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