



# Peasedown St John Methodist Church

[www.peasedownmethodist.org](http://www.peasedownmethodist.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/Peasedown-St-John-Methodist-Church-341040485988824/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Peasedown-Methodist-Children-and-Family-Worker-113133863404957/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYPhQdu95kMrGB6dCGjAIBQ>

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

10:30am Morning Worship, led by Rev Philip Turner

10:30am The Harbour

6pm Healing Service, led by Rev David Winstanley

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October

10:30am Morning Worship, led by Rev Jane Wilson

10:30am The Harbour

### Street Communion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month, 10:00am – 11:00am

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month David will be offering Holy Communion to anyone passing by the front of the church between 10am - 11am. If you would like to be a part of this ministry speak to David.

### Same Sex Marriage

Following the decision of the Methodist Conference to allow churches to decide whether to allow same sex marriages, the Church Council will meet in November to consider its decision.

Prior to that there will be an open meeting on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm** for all who are a part of the worshipping community to express their views on this matter. This will be an exercise in listening to one another and will help the Church Council come to its decision.

On **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7:30pm** Ian Souter will be giving some background to the journey the Methodist Church has been on over many years regarding human sexuality and will also provide some Biblical background which you may find helpful in formulating your own views on this matter.

### Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain has been running for many years and is a powerful ministry of our church. We all need prayer and knowing that others care and are praying for us can be a source of comfort and support. Our prayer chain operates using either text messages or phone calls, whichever suits you best. Linda is the coordinator for this, so let her know if you would like to be involved.

### St John's Church Family Light Party – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

St John's Church have invited our church families to their fire pit evening with marshmallows, hot dogs and hot chocolate outside St. Johns on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. They need to know if you are going for their catering purposes, so please sign up at <https://stjsgroup.churchsuite.co.uk/events/troh8tb>

## **Meet the Neighbours – Every Thursday, 11:00am – 12:00pm**

Meet the Neighbours is starting up again and on a new day! It will be on Thursdays from 11am – midday, in the dining room, **starting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. All welcome for tea/coffee and cake.

## **Monday Evening House Group**

Please note that the group will not be meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **Important Information regarding use of the Church Building**

If you are planning to use the church building for a 'one off' meeting or changing the day or time of your regular meeting, then please let Francis know for the Church diary, in order to avoid a clash. This will also ensure that you will have heating, when necessary, as Ian will use that information for a weekly setting of the boiler timers!

## **Sunday Coffee Rota**

We still need people to help with the Sunday Coffee Rota. Please put your name on the list if you can help. The time after the service is an important time to catch up with friends, discuss and debate topics from the sermon and share time together.

## **Strictly Worship – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm**

Strictly Worship is back on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. If you can't make it in person, then you'll be able to watch the live stream on the Church Facebook page.

## **Alpha – Starting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at The Meeting Place**

A new Alpha course will begin at The Meeting Place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Why not invite a friend, neighbour, colleague or family member to come along? For more information speak to David or pick up a flyer.

## **Creation Care Commitments**

At harvest we were asked to write down things that we felt God wanted us to do to care for creation. The final list is on the noticeboard in the School Room. Please take a look and add your own commitment to the bottom.

## **Harvest Supper & Collection**

Thank to everyone who came along to the Harvest Supper and for everyone who helped by providing food and refreshments. Also thank you to Karen for sorting everything out and to Julie & David for entertaining us with some fun games. The collection from the Harvest Supper and the Harvest Service totalled **£218.55** which has been sent to support the work of All We Can.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Apologies for the lateness of this notice, but there has been a delay in the delivery of the pre-made shoeboxes. Karen understands they are now enroute and we will have them available for you to collect from church ASAP.

Despite Covid regulations, last year our church family kindly donated almost 30 shoeboxes, plus online donations and gifts. Amazing and thank you all for your generosity!

If you would like to donate again this year we have until **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November** for filled boxes to be left at church. As last year toothpaste and sweets are banned, although hand knitted toys and 4 suited playing cards will be accepted. Leaflets are available in the church foyer and more information can be found on the website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

## **Message from Anne & Jim Brown**

We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, meals and gifts we have received and also your support and prayers at this difficult time.

## Green Tip of the Week – How to recycle foil

A report by Leicester City Council in 2019 has showed that of all the aluminium foil being thrown away by its residents, only 20 per cent of it was making its way into the recycling and the rest was going straight in the bin!

Many kinds of foil can be recycled, such as kitchen foil, takeaway containers, pie trays, chocolate wrapping (including coins) and coloured foil.

A simple way to test if a material is recyclable foil or not is to do the 'scrunch test'. If it stays 'scrunched' then it's aluminium foil and can be recycled. If it springs back, it's metallised plastic film. Make sure foil is free from food residue by giving a quick wipe or rinse in your washing up bowl before you pop it into your recycling.

For smaller pieces of foil, such as yogurt lids or chocolate wrapping, scrunch them together to make a larger ball of foil, about the size of a tennis ball. This will keep the foil together and make it easier to recycle as the machinery detects it more easily.

## Green Challenge of the Week – 2km for Peasedown St John

In preparation for the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow on 31<sup>st</sup> October, the Peasedown Environment Group are asking people who can to make a commitment to leave their car at home for the short journeys within the village. If your journey is less than 1km (2km there and back) could you walk or cycle it?

If walking is difficult, the weather is foul or you have a heavy load then you probably need to use the car.... but other times could you do 2km for Peasedown St John (2K4PSJ) and help reduce our carbon emissions?

Please pick up a leaflet from church next week and if you are willing to join in, then please sign up on the notice in the school room. If a lot of people in the village join in that could say a lot to people in Glasgow about how important climate change is to us.

## A Climate Conversation with God

We would like you to offer some prayer ahead of the COP26 Climate Conference. This prayer is written by Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha UK.

Heavenly Father, we're anxious about Climate Breakdown.  
It's already causing wildfires, crop failures, killer heatwaves and floods.  
We're angry: it's so unfair, hitting the poorest hardest,  
Adding to human conflict and compounding nature's struggles.

From youngsters to grandparents, we need some hope:  
To see governments stopping the bad stuff and driving the good,  
A fair transition to a low carbon economy, a nature-friendly way,  
Acting boldly on the science; no more denial or delay!

And this year, Heavenly Father, the climate summit will be here.  
It's exciting and daunting: what should your people do?  
We will praise you for your creation; commit our churches to act;  
Work together across neighbourhoods and nations;

And call all leaders to be bold, just, and honest with the facts;  
So, help us, Heavenly Father, to worship, act and speak up.

Yes, we will worship, act and speak up.  
Amen.

## Diary Dates

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 10:30 Morning Worship, led by Rev Philip Turner<br>10:30 The Harbour<br>18:00 Healing Service, led by Rev David Winstanley |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 19:30 Monday Night House Group (St John's Community Hall)  |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> | 10:00 Seeds Baby & Toddler Group   |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>  | 10:00 Terracycle Collection<br>11:00 Meet the Neighbours<br>14:00 Thursday Bible Study<br>18:00 Lighthouse                 |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>    | 10:30 Prayer Walk<br>12:00 Foodbank  |
| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>  | 10:00 Terracycle Collection<br>10:00 Repair Café   |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 10:30 Morning Worship, led by Rev Jane Wilson<br>10:30 The Harbour   |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | 11:00 Meet the Neighbours  |
| <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | 10:30 Prayer Walk<br>12:00 Foodbank  |

## Next Services

| Date                 | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10:30am | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 6pm | 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10:30am | 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 10:30am  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Notes</b>         |                               | Healing Service           |                               |                               |
| <b>Preacher</b>      | Rev Philip Turner             | Rev David Winstanley      | Rev Jane Wilson               | Rev Simon Topping             |
| <b>Harbour</b>       | Karen Smith                   |                           | Julie Winstanley              | Karen Smith                   |
| <b>Steward</b>       | Anna Sims                     |                           | Karen Smith                   | Clare Midgley                 |
| <b>Tech</b>          | Nick Martin & Ian Sims        |                           | Ian Sims & Ali Wright         | Nick Martin & Ian Sims        |
| <b>Keyboard</b>      | Ruth Reeve                    |                           | TBC                           | Ruth Reeve                    |
| <b>Worship Songs</b> | Richard Parry                 |                           | Francis Day                   | Andy Day                      |
| <b>Flowers</b>       | Ann Dunford                   |                           | Angela Fee                    | Linda Day                     |
| <b>Welcomers</b>     | Francis Day & Val Humphreys   |                           | Fliss Taylor & Linda Day      | Derek Button & Elaine Hillier |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Clare Midgley & Anna Sims     |                           | Derek Button & Fliss Taylor   | Ian Souter & Marilyn Martin   |

## Next Notices

Please let Nick have anything for the next notices by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October**.