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ZOOM SERVICE SUNDAY, 9 August 2020 at 10.00am
Access onto Zoom from 9.45am

See separate Document

NOTICES - 9 August 2020

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION. As I am working from home can you please send any emails to me on info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk and telephone me on 01902 761322. Due to holidays, I will only be working on a Thursday and Friday until the end of August. After the bank holiday on 31 August, I will revert back to normal working. Sue.

WELCOME BACK! No Zoom, no Skype, no WhatsApp. Come and meet your friends face to face for an open air **CONVERSATION**, **PICNIC** and **QUIZ** (socially distanced of course), on the lawn at Beck on Saturday, 15 August at 3.00pm. Please bring your own food, drink, chairs (we will provide some), and pens for the quiz. Contact Sue Lorimer if you would like to join us to give an idea of numbers. Any other queries please contact Phil Shuttleworth or John Ashwood.

MISSION IN BRITAIN FUND. Like many charitable organisations at a time when needs have increased income has decreased so can I ask if people who don't usually contribute to this fund could consider making a donation.

In the current situation I will not be receiving boxes but contributions can be made in 1 of 2 of ways:-

a) By cheque made out to Mission in Britain Fund and sent to me at 59 Bellencroft Gardens, Wolverhampton. WV3 8DU OR Preferably b b) If you have access to internet or telephone banking directly to:-

Mission in Britain Fund Sort Code 40-02-06 Account No. 10031437

If choosing method b) and wish gift aiding to be claimed please let me know by e-mailing danda jones@talktalk.net
With thanks David Jones

Friends

Please see our church newsletter (which you will see is in a separate document on the website) which we had hoped to distribute at our faith event back in April, but this was not meant to be. Brothers Charles, Stephen and William have written the introduction for this as it was the Brothers' vision which started the Good Shepherd many years ago and has underpinned our values and desire to support the marginalised and vulnerable in society ever since.

The last few months have been difficult and challenging for so many individuals for so many different reasons and the Covid-19 pandemic has meant we have had to change the way we do things.

With this in mind we have been thinking ahead and would like to ask churches if they would kindly do a collection for our work instead of the normal very generous harvest donations as we are unsure how things will be operating later this year.

We have been blessed over the last few months with support from businesses, restaurants and pubs who have donated large supplies of stock and this has helped us enormously in the food we serve and the increased volumes we are catering for.

All money donated for harvest will be used to replenish stock now and for the next twelve months. The Good Shepherd is currently running without volunteers and are concerned about how we would cope with a large volume of items coming in and the small areas we have to sort stock. We would also like to change the way we support families and incorporate fresh produce in the food we distribute with suggestions and ingredients which will enable many to cook a variety of healthy meals.

Wishing you all the best during these difficult times and thanking you for your continuing support and generosity towards the Good Shepherd.

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CASH FOR CURLS! Are you looking forward to finally going to the hairdressers and seeing your locks fall down at the end of "lockdown"? At least, like most of us you will have saved some cash by not having your usual hair do. How about donating some, or all of it to help make up the shortfall afflicting charities across the world during the Covid 19 crisis? You are invited to join our "Cash for Curls" Appeal by making a one off donation to ALL WE CAN. You can do this by donating on line on their website; www.allwecan.org.uk or by phone 020 7467 5132 Or you could send a cheque payable to ALL WE CAN - to Sue Reed, 3 Castlecroft Lane WV3 8JX. Alternatively, there will be a plate at the back of the church during the private prayer sessions on Thursday afternoons. Many Thanks. Wendy Bate.

Dear All

I write to you as the incoming District President of Methodist Women in Britain. The District Officers had a Zoom meeting recently and I'm writing to let you know how we've decided to move forward as a District until the end of the year and to ask for your help in making this known throughout your circuit.

We all agreed that:

We could not meet physically until at least 2021.

We did not want to abandon our gatherings.

So we have decided to:

Have a gathering once a month, lasting no more than **one hour**.

This will be by Zoom, which means that people without internet access will be able to dial in on their landline.

We shall use the District account for Zoom, the contract for which is due to be renewed at the end of August.

The District administrator will send out the log in/ dial in details in good time with the weekly District news mailing which I hope you all receive.

I will send details, also in good time, to you circuit administrators, asking you to circulate these to local congregations for their notices. Please could you let me know that deadlines you have for circulating notices to individual churches, bearing in mind that our gatherings will take place during the third week of each month.

Please, please, will you endeavour to spread the word around, not only to those who would normally travel to our District days, but to as many people as possible, as the Officers consider it likely that some would like to join us who haven't been able to in the past because of distance etc.

The meetings have been arranged to take place as follows:

Wednesday, 16th September, **10.30am**, starting with worship led by our Chair of District, the Rev Rachel Parkinson which will include a short act of re-dedication of officers and ourselves. Then the Rev Bev Boden will speak about the work of Ablewell Advice, which is my chosen charity for my presidency.

Thursday, 22nd October, **7.30pm** also starting with worship. Margaret Gardner will then speak on The Gambia Revisited, which some of you will recall she was unable to do last September following their car accident. She is a lot better, and has also re-visited The Gambia since then.

Thursda,y 19th November, **10.30am**. I will be in conversation with Anne Baldwin, our Mission Partner in Sri Lanka, who returned very hurriedly in February after her two years there. Anne is now back at home in Ormskirk, but her time in Sri Lanka at the Theological College saw the Easter bombings of churches, so this will give us an opportunity to discover more about the work of the Methodist church in that country.

Tuesday, 15th December, **7.30pm.** This will be 'Pot Pourri' of readings and possibly music for Christmas with contributions from the officers and quite possibly, others.

You will notice that we have arranged the gatherings to be held during the third week of each month, but are alternating morning and evening gatherings, which we hope will enable some to participate who haven't been able to in the past. However, the Officers next meeting, which will review how things are going, is booked for the end of October, after our first two meetings.

I hope that you are all well and keeping away from the virus. Do take care and keep safe.

With all good wishes and blessings. Pauline (Beattie)

PS This email is also sent to the District Officers of MWiB for information.

GDPR. In these difficult times we have been given email addresses of the congregation who wish to be asked to Zoom services or kept up to date with Church news. It is very important that this data is treated with respect and the GDPR rules are observed. Please can you make sure that when you email anyone you pick the BCC choice when entering email addresses. This will ensure that the data is not passed on to anyone else. Thank you. Mrs. Janet Fenney - Admin Assistant & GDPR.