

**ZOOM PRAYER MEETING** on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

**JOHN DARBY.** It is with great sadness that Nigel and I share the news that our lovely father John Darby passed away in the early hours of Saturday, 6 January 2024 after a recent decline in health. He was a wise loving and generous man and he will be greatly missed. John's funeral will be on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 2.00pm at Glenfield Methodist Church, 7 Station Road, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8BT. The service will be live-streamed and a link will be available nearer to the date. Alison Blane and Nigel Darby.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS.** Congratulations to Lilian Holmes and Sue Lorimer who are celebrating special birthdays. Lilian will be 101 on 22 January and Sue will be 70 on 29 January.

**CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT.** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

**COFFEE MATES.** Meet Monday, 5 February 2024 at Farmer and Friends, Garden Village, Bridgnorth Road WV6 7EZ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

**Rev. Andrew Mann-Ray** has been appointed United Reformed Church Minister for Wolverhampton and Smestow Brook Group Pastorate. A welcome and induction service for him is at Penn URC, Penn Road WV4 5BF on Sunday, 28 January at 3.00pm. If you would like to attend please email Rev. Peter Christie - [peterchristie@btinternet.com](mailto:peterchristie@btinternet.com) It would be good as ecumenical partners to support him.

The Plants for January are in Loving Memory of:  
John & Barbara Moxham;  
Mr & Mrs F Hocking & Mary Gale;  
Billy and Martin Story;  
John & Mary Tonks;

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## Worship and Fellowship

21 January 2024

Third in Ordinary

### What's On This Week....

**Monday 22 January**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
1.00 - 3.00pm Craft Group  
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break  
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas  
7.00pm Zoom Property & Finance Meeting

**Tuesday 23 January**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed  
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group  
4.45 - 6.30pm Dinky Divas  
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

**Wednesday 24 January**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting  
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers  
1.45 - 3.00pm Tea & Chat

**Thursday 25 January**  
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open  
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

**Friday 26 January**  
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open  
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It  
10.30am - 12.30pm Wulfrun Warblers  
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway

**Saturday 27 January**

Collect for the Day

**To ponder and pray .....**

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on  
Sunday, 28 January 2024**

**Fourth in Ordinary**

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Mr Gabriel Gidi**

We Welcome You to Worship Today

If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to those around you, or to one of the Stewards or Minister.

Our fellowship will continue after morning worship with tea and coffee served in the Coffee Bar.

**10.30am Morning Worship  
led by Mrs Iris Bjorno**

Welcome

**A Prayer For The New Year**

God, grant that I may pass through the coming year with a faithful heart. There will be much to test me and make weak my strength before the year ends. In my confusion I shall often say the word that is not true and do the thing of which I am ashamed. There will be errors in the mind and great inaccuracies of judgment. In seeking the light, I shall again and again find myself walking in the darkness.

I shall mistake my light for Your light and I shall drink from the responsibility of the choice I make... Though my days be marked with failures, fallings, let my spirit be free so that You may take it and redeem my moments in all the ways my needs reveal. Give me the quiet assurance of Your Love and Presence. Grant that I may pass through the coming year with a faithful heart. Amen.

**StF 136 Morning has broken**

Psalm 27: 4 - 9

**StF 323 I will sing the wondrous story**

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18 read by Janette Clough

Children's Talk

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 4: 12 - 23 read by Carlyne Hurley

Sermon

**StF 663 I, the Lord of sea and sky,**

**We come to be Opened**

Lord, whenever we come to this place, we come to have our minds opened, our hearts set on fire, our lives maddened and our hope reawakened. We come in great expectation. We come assuming that you will show us your holiness that demands our best worship. We come seeking a taste of your sovereignty and power. We come longing that you will fill us with the joy and a glimpse of your glory. We come for you to take away the defeat from our lives. We come because in Christ's resurrection you have called us to come. Amen.

**Hymn - May our mouths choose kindly words**

Each time we give an answer ,  
each time we speak our mind.  
May we choose words with wisdom  
and may those words be kind.

*May our mouths choose kindly words  
to speak with friends each day.  
May our mouths speak words  
of peace to show the world God's way. (Chorus)*

May we speak of forgiveness  
to sing the love we must.  
Let's tell of new beginnings  
and shout of our sure trust.

*May our mouths choose kindly words  
to speak with friends each day.  
May our mouths speak words  
of peace to show the world God's way. (Chorus)*

Offertory and Prayer

Intercessory Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**StF 531 What a friend we have in Jesus,**

Keep our hearts seeking Lord, so that we do not miss you when we pass through the shadows. Keep our hearts seeking Lord so that we do not obscure your many attempts to talk to us. Keep our hearts seeking Lord so that we may recognise you in the many forms of broken bread. Keep our hearts seeking Lord so that we can walk the heaven on earth, for you are walking with us. Teach us to be open Lord that we may learn.... to seek you in the unexpected, look for you in the unrecognised, touch you in the different. But at this moment, help us to find you O Lord, right here before us. Amen.

Blessing