



IVYBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing Life
Sharing Faith

There is no greater love
than to lay down one's
life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you
do what I command.

John 15:13-14



November 2017 Newsletter

Letter from Carolyn

Dear Friends



As I write this article we have been living in our new home in Ivybridge for a couple of months and we feel well and truly settled in to the house and community. We want to offer our thanks to the congregation at IMC who have made us feel so welcome – we have been overwhelmed by your love – the cards, meals, flowers and good

wishes – we are truly blessed to have been allowed to live and work alongside you all at this time and are excited about all that God has in store for us as we seek to fulfil His mission in Ivybridge together.

We have moved quite a few times in our married life which can be unsettling (and exhausting now we're getting older!!) but the upshot is it has made us constantly get rid of all the clutter that we would have gathered if we had stayed in one place and we now travel comparatively lightly! Hopefully all this will save our daughters a huge task one day when we pop our clogs!

Our biggest declutter was when we were moving overseas and had to cull all our belongings in order to keep the storage costs at a minimum – at that time we had the great give away and dispensed with a huge amount of our personal belongings. We shipped 10 crates out to Guyana and when we returned were not able to bring back more than we could carry so we ended up giving away all our bedding, towels, clothing and books before our return flight! So we began life in Devon in a minimalistic way(!) but amazingly over the past three and a half years seem to have accrued a whole load of new clutter! So moving to Ivybridge was another great excuse to have a clear out before and after the move.

There's something very liberating about getting rid of clutter and travelling light and I've read a lot of magazine articles and seen several books on this subject, encouraging people to move away from the acquisition of 'stuff' and live a simpler life. It's definitely true that the less you have the less there is to worry and stress about.

The same can be said of our spiritual lives. How often do we carry around emotional baggage that clutters up our lives and drags us down? I often meet Christians who are carrying around heavy loads of regret, fear,



disappointment, shame, guilt, unforgiveness, anger, bitterness, anxiety, bad habits, addictions and negativity, all of which can prevent us from becoming the people that God created us to be and being effective as disciples of Jesus. Sometimes we need a bit of help with putting these burdens down and finding freedom.

With that in mind, in the new year, Mark and I are going to be running a series on some Sunday evenings called 'Freedom in Christ' based on a course we undertook a few years ago and have run several times.

This is a discipleship course 'designed to help every Christian take hold of the truth of who they are in Christ, resolve personal and spiritual conflicts through genuine repentance and move on to maturity.' When I first participated in the course I had already been a Christian for around 30 years and wished that this had been available to me many years earlier as it would have saved me carrying around my own personal baggage for so long. I would highly recommend that you try to get to as many of the sessions as possible, whether you are a new Christian or have been following Jesus for many years. Our prayer is that through this series we will all be enabled to declutter our lives and begin to travel light, reaching all the potential that God has for each one of us.

Carolyn

From the Editor ...

Please note that the next newsletter will be another double edition, so if you would like to include anything in the December/January Newsletter, please let me have the details by Friday 10 November in any of the following ways :-

- ♥ send it by email to -
contact@jennyhansford.co.uk
- ♥ ring me on 01752 894634
- ♥ hand it to me at church on a Sunday
- ♥ place it in the "H" pigeonhole in the Church Concourse
- ♥ post it through my letterbox at -
10 MacAndrew Walk, Ivybridge



Jenny



November Worship

IVYBRIDGE

Nov 5	10:30 am	Rev Mark Lawrence - Communion
Nov 12		Remembrance Sunday
	10:00 am	Rev Mark Lawrence
	6:30 pm	ENGAGE Mr Paul Courtney
Nov 19	10:30 am	Rev Mark Lawrence
	4:00 pm	Civic Service - Rev Mark Lawrence
Nov 26	10:30 am	Mr Jeff Stephenson
	6:30 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence - Communion

BITTAFORD

Nov 5	10:30 am	Mrs Gillian Higgins
Nov 12	2:30 pm	Rev Mark Lawrence - Communion
Nov 19	10:30 am	Rev David Youngs - Communion
Nov 26	10:30 am	Mrs Carolyn Lawrence

Speakers for December are not known
at the time of going to print

*The speakers have been taken from Circuit Plan
and are correct to the best of the Editor's knowledge.*

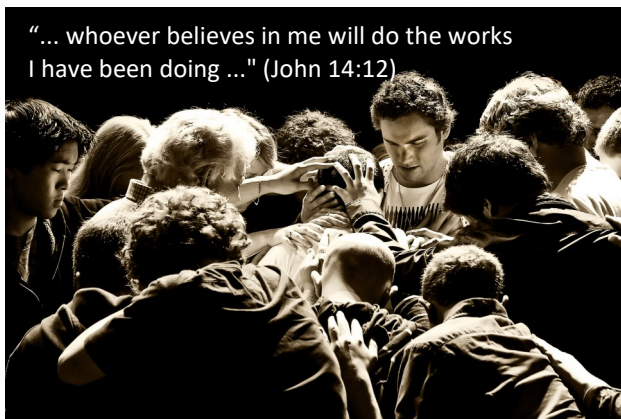
TAIZE SERVICE for ADVENT

to be held at St John's Church
on Sunday 10 December at 5:00 pm
at the end of the Christmas Tree Festival



DOING THE STUFF ...

"... whoever believes in me will do the works
I have been doing ..." (John 14:12)



A training day for equipping in the power ministry of the Holy Spirit including worship, teaching and practical application in Plymouth City Centre

... essential training for anyone considering involvement in Ivybridge Healing on the Streets; it is also recommended for anyone who is thinking about joining the Plymouth BreakOut street ministry team, or who is just seeking more confidence in and tools for sharing the Gospel of the Kingdom

Saturday 11 November - 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
at The Vineyard Centre, Kinterbury House,
Kinterbury Street, Plymouth City Centre.

For more information email
jonathanbell11@btinternet.com

Jonathan Bell will be sharing in our Sunday
morning service on 5 November.



“Democracy in Cambodia is Already at Its Last Breath”

Fact:

The Cambodian government has intensified its crackdown on the opposition.



During the early hours of 3 September, Kem Sokha, the leader of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), was arrested. He was later charged with treason and with conspiring with foreigners to overthrow the Cambodian government (based on a 2013 speech in which he described wanting to bring peaceful, democratic change to Cambodia and receiving advice from American experts). In a letter posted on his Facebook page, Sokha called on the international community for help. “Democracy in Cambodia is already at its last breath,” he wrote.

The Deputy President of the CNRP left Cambodia on 3 October believing her arrest to be imminent. Several of her colleagues had already fled.

The day after Sokha's arrest, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said, “Before, I was very hesitant of when I shall be leaving office, but after witnessing the treasonous acts of some Cambodians in recent days, I have decided to continue my job for another 10 years.”

The government has closed down an English language newspaper that was critical of its policies and radio stations that rebroadcast the Voice of America and Radio Free Asia.



Senior Cambodian military officials have pledged “the elimination” of all foreigners deemed intent to commit aggression against the country.

Please pray:

- for peace and calm;
- for a free and fair general election in 2018 with the opportunity for reasonable debate between candidates without fear of reprisals;
- for wisdom for Cambodian Christians to know how to respond to the political situation;
- for ‘... all who are in authority, so that [Cambodians] may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity’ (1 Timothy 2: 2);
- for my visit to Cambodia from 6 to 27 December.

Myers Cooper

I want to say a huge thank you to all who have been praying for my grandson, Nikolas. Could I ask that you keep praying for him please as he now has to have MRI scans every 3 months and CT scans every 6 months, plus other appointments like ENT. Please also continue to pray for his mum and dad, Kirstie and Chris.



I myself will be having an MRI on my spine as well as undergoing plastic surgery on my face and would also value your prayers. Thank you.

Kathy Blackwood



Work Days are normally held on the Second Saturday of the month from 9:30 am onwards.

All help is appreciated in carrying out the many maintenance and cleaning jobs around our church building. We enjoy excellent coffee and cakes from “Wesleys” part way through the morning.

The dates of the next Work Days are -

11 November
9 December



PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER



Monday 6 November - 7:45 pm at IMC

Workshop on relationships.

Is marriage outdated today? What makes a good wife?

How can I cope with divorce?

How do I cope with being single in a world of couples?

What about relationships that go wrong?

Monday 27 November - 1:30-3:00 pm at IMC

What does it mean to be a servant of God?

For more information or to arrange a pastoral visit please contact:

Carolyn Lawrence

Email: markcarolyn1983@gmail.com Tel: 01752 651910

or visit the Ivybridge Methodist Church Website

www.ivybridgemethodistchurch.co.uk



Wise and Wonderful

We meet fortnightly in the IMC Café: see dates below.
Meetings are on Fridays, from 2.30 until 4:00 pm
with a charge of £1 each time



Autumn 2017

10 November

Fair Trade with Lorna Howell

24 November

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) with Sarah Guy

8 December

Christmas meeting

Please contact one of us for more information:

Valerie Marriott 893614 Sara Bromage 894198 Judy Jago 894829

Sue Pengilly 896444 Christine and David Moulder 892858

We are an open fellowship and all are welcome!



Kick start your Christmas shopping at this year's ...

Ivybridge Methodist Church

Advent Market

**Browse stalls packed with unique crafts,
glorious gift ideas and perfect presents!**

**Relax and unwind in the cafe, serving
scrumptious crepes and festive food and drink**

Friday 24 November

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 25 November

9:30 am - 12:30 pm



Parenting Teenagers

getting them (and you!) through

Presented by bestselling authors and international speakers **Rob Parsons** and **Katharine Hill**.



Thursday 9 November 2017

at 7:30 pm

at

Hope Baptist Church, Plymouth, PL3 4QG

Do you feel your teenager has become a different person overnight?
Will they go out with you only if you wear a brown paper bag on your head?
Or maybe your child is almost a teenager and you're feeling a bit apprehensive about what's ahead.

Join Rob and Katharine as they explore some of the hot topics for parents of teenagers:-

- ♥ Understanding your Teenager
 - ♥ Staying Connected
- ♥ Puberty, Privacy and Porn
- ♥ The Testing Teenager
 - ♥ Identity
- ♥ Letting Them Go

Ticket prices

4 or more tickets - £5 each 1-3 tickets - £6 each
On the door - £7 each Partner rate - £4 each

Book today!

careforthefamily.org.uk/parentingteenagers
Tel: 029 2081 0800



New Year's Eve Family Party

4:00 - 7:00 pm
Sunday 31 December
Ivybridge Methodist Church

Bring some food to share
Free, but donations welcome towards Compassion



Bouncy castles
Mini disco
Crafts
And more!



Bookings, info or offers of help to Sophie Phillips
s_r_phillips@hotmail.co.uk, 07730 475 958

On behalf of the Trustees and staff I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the congregation at IMC for your generous ongoing financial support for Ivybridge Youth For Christ. Regular monthly giving makes so much difference as it allows us to plan for the future with confidence.



Our mission to **take good news relevantly to every young person in Ivybridge and the surrounding area** is very close to our hearts and we love to try to achieve this by working alongside local churches such as yourselves. It has been wonderful to work together with various local churches including IMC on project such as The Bridge Project and clubs such as Wired, ReWired and Rock Solid.

We are also very thankful for the use of the office. Since moving into it three years ago it has made a tremendous difference to the way that we are able to work.

Thank you again so much for your support.

Yours in Christ

Elis Norton

Director

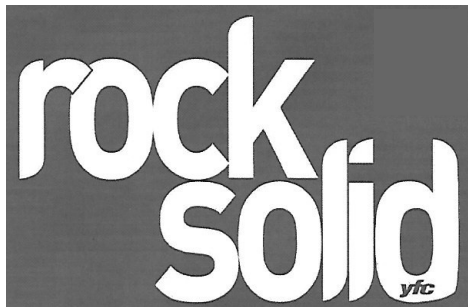
Challenge
Injustice

Explore
Christianity

Eat Cake

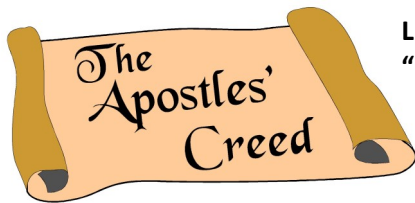
Have Fun

Wednesday Lunchtimes
at ICC



Week A : B4.09

Week B : M1.01



Line 9 -

"I believe in the Holy Spirit"

This is, once again a personal statement for each believer to enjoy!

In the Apostles' Creed, as opposed to the Nicene Creed, it is personal.

We've asserted – I believe in:

God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord

Now we come to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity – the Blessed Holy Spirit.

In the Nicene Creed it says quite a bit more about The Holy Spirit asserting: **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

But the Apostles' Creed simply says, "I believe in the Holy Spirit", and I too want to keep this very simple because it is by personal revelation and experience that we can get to know the Holy Spirit. However, our experience must align to the Holy Spirit inspired Holy Scriptures – otherwise there can be a tendency to go into the excesses of the flesh and/or personal spiritualities.

As we have said previously there are many different spirits, but only one Holy Spirit. Jesus said, *"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."* John 14:16-18 & 26

Let's pick up on a few words and phrase to help us understand what Jesus is saying here about the Holy Spirit.

Jesus asked the Father and He gave us another 'advocate' (verse 16). The Greek word here is *parakletos* meaning -

- ♥ summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid;
- ♥ one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defence, legal assistant, an advocate;
- ♥ one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor



Of Christ in His exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins -

- ♥ In the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant.

Of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after His ascension to the Father),

- ♥ To lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom.

"The Spirit of Truth" (verse 17). The Greek word used here for truth is *alêtheia*, the literal meaning of which is "the state of not being hidden; the state of being evident." -

Objectively

What is true in any matter under consideration

- ♥ Truly, in truth, according to truth
- ♥ Of a truth, in reality, in fact, certainly

What is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth

- ♥ In the greatest latitude
- ♥ The true notions of God which are open to human reason without His supernatural intervention

The truth as taught in the Christian faith

- ♥ Respecting God and the execution of His purposes through Christ, and respecting the duties of man,
- ♥ Opposing alike to the superstitions of the Gentiles and the inventions of the Jews, and the corrupt opinions and precepts of false teachers even among Christians

Subjectively

- ♥ Truth as a personal excellence
- ♥ That candour of mind which is free from affection, pretence, simulation, falsehood, deceit

How we need the truth of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our families, our church, community and nation!

- ♥ To save us from pretence
- ♥ To save us from error
- ♥ To save us from deception



- ♥ To save us from human opinions
- ♥ To save us from the devil's temptations
- ♥ To save us from wasting our time and lives on things which are of no consequence

We need power!

We need help!

We need it now!

Praise God for the Holy Spirit!

I believe in the Holy Spirit!

Leading – Guidance – Gifts – Healing – Deliverance –
Witnessing – Preaching – Administration – Protection

*“The Holy Spirit can be our teacher” (verse 26) The Greek word for teacher is **dedasko***

To teach

- ♥ To hold discourse with others in order to instruct them, deliver didactic discourses
- ♥ To be a teacher
- ♥ To discharge the office of a teacher, conduct one's self as a teacher

To teach one

- ♥ To impart instruction
- ♥ Instil doctrine into one
- ♥ The thing taught or enjoined
- ♥ To explain or expound a thing
- ♥ To teach one something

Are we teachable? Do we want to change? Learn? Be more like our Lord Jesus?

How open to the Holy Spirit are we really?

Holy Spirit wants to teach us more, for us to go deeper, to leave the shallows and let our feet leave the safety of the surface so we have to rely more fully on Him.

This is a great promise – *“But **YOU** (emphasis Holy Spirit) will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

Mid-week Holy Communion
First Tuesday of each month
1:30-2:00 pm
In the Concourse

Service led by
Rev Mark Lawrence



Pastoral Visitor Training
January 2018

From January 2018 there will be a training course for Pastoral Visitors, or those interested in becoming one, which will be held on alternate Monday evenings at Bittaford Methodist Church from 7:00-9:00 pm. The course will be loosely based on the Methodist 'Encircled with Care' course and will cover subjects such as Good Practice, Listening Skills, Bereavement, Across the Generations, Mental Health, and Prayer, all with a biblical foundation.

If you are interested, please put the following dates in your new diary.

8 January 2018	22 January 2018
5 February 2018	19 February 2018
5 March 2018	19 March 2018

Any enquiries about the course, or to sign up, please contact:

Sara Bromage - 894198
Val Marriott - 893614
Maureen Scoble - 894203

PLEASE NOTE:
THE FINAL DATE FOR SIGNING UP FOR THIS TRAINING IS
30 NOVEMBER 2017.



Residential Weekend

Friday 20 April - Sunday 22 April 2018

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

Cost £170

‘Oceans of justice, rivers of fairness’

Arrival and registration Friday 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Programme starts with dinner at 6:45 pm on Friday
and ends after lunch at 2:00 pm on Sunday

For further enquiries email swanwick@mwib.org.uk or ring 0300 030 1517

All women in sympathy with our aims are welcome at any MWiB event:

- ♥ bringing women together to know Christ and to make Him known
- ♥ encouraging, equipping and enabling women to serve God in the church,
the community and the world
- ♥ connecting women in Britain with women worldwide

**The keynote speaker and leader for the weekend will be Rachel Lampard MBE
Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2016-17**

Speaking to the Conference gathered in London, Rachel Lampard said:

"We live in a world where we need 'oceans of justice', where in the UK more than 1 in 4 children live in poverty, and 2 million people die each year because of a lack of safe water or sanitation."

Rachel is Team Leader of the Joint Public Issues Team and has worked for the Methodist Church as Secretary for Parliamentary and Political Affairs since 2000 with responsibility for the Church's engagement with political issues in a range of areas.

**There will also be a variety of workshops; time to make or renew friendships;
time to relax together or find quiet space; time to share in conversation and to visit
the Market Place.**

If you require a crèche or children's programme, please contact the registrar by 31 January 2018 so that this can be arranged. Reduced rates are available for children.

There is a variety of single and shared accommodation, all with en-suite facilities.

Booking forms available from Carolyn



November News

If you have anything you would like included in the Church News please let Judy Jago know at church,



It is great delight to welcome three new babies this month:

Isabelle Leila Venables was born at the end of August (just missing the last edition of news!!) and we send many congratulations to parents Kate and Ben and grandparents Fiona and David Ion. Isabelle's brother and sister seem very pleased to have a new sister and we wish you all well and send many blessings for the future.

Audrey Elsie Florence Lines was born on 23 September - a first grand-daughter for Chris and Chrissie Phillips. Her Mum and Dad, Katie and Tom, are settling into their new way of life (with help from Grandma!) and we send our warmest congratulations to you all.

And news just in is that Lynn and Mike Allen have a new grand-daughter as Chris and his wife Kate have had a little girl called Robyn weighing 7lbs. Many congratulations to the new family and we pray you all have lots of joy with Robyn as she grows up.



As we had a two month newsletter we also missed wishing Heather and Chris Bailey many congratulations on their 25th wedding anniversary. We hope you celebrated well and we wish you many more years of happiness together.

More congratulations, this time to Steve Cowsill (Gill's younger son) who recently became engaged to Kerry. We wish you much joy as you plan your future together and many blessings on all your plans



Big birthdays keep coming and this month we celebrate Rachel French and Sandra Dudley as they pass milestones!! We hear Rachel's celebrations in October were wonderful and she felt very spoilt, and Sandra we hope your birthday is also celebrated in a way you'll really enjoy. Love and Happy Birthday to you both.





John Hladkij, Jenny Hansford and Sophie Terelinck have all had surgery recently and it's good to know all are well on the way to full health and fitness again. Take care all of you.

Jane Clarke is leaving us for a month very soon as she undertakes an intensive rehab course in Exeter. We shall miss you Jane and send you off with our prayers and blessings that it might be a productive and good time for you.



Please hold in your prayers Judy Jago and her daughter Mandy whose husband Mark died recently, and also Caroline Hodgson and all her family as they mourn the loss of her sister Jean who fought leukaemia so bravely for so long. We send our love, deepest sympathy and many blessings to you all.

There are still poorly people to pray for - we can pray without knowing all their names as God knows who they are and please also pray for those who are lonely.



I have put many thank you messages in the newsletter over the years for other people and have always been so proud of the love that is so obviously poured out here at IMC. Now I can speak from first hand experience!

Thank you so much for the amazing support I have felt over the last couple of months since having my knee operation. For all the cards and messages, the flowers and visits, offers of lifts and fantastic meals and most importantly your prayers. I have felt so overwhelmed by your love and support during this rather challenging time, and now, thanks to those amazing lifts, I am back at church, and even back with the worship team! I was totally blown away by the welcome that I received on my first Sunday back!

The love and support I have felt has been immense! It is such a blessing to be part of God's family, to feel His love in such a tangible way. Thank you IMC, your love, generosity and selflessness is incredible and I am so blessed that God has placed me in such a wonderful part of His family.

God bless you all.

Jenny Hansford

Report on Methodist Council High Leigh Hoddesdon

Monday 16 - Tuesday 17 October 2017



What is the Methodist Council?

It is a body of people comprising representatives from each district of the Methodist Church in Britain (MCB) as well as the national leadership team. It meets three times a year to carry out the work arising from the annual Methodist Conference and is in effect the governing body of the Methodist Church across the land (known as the Connexion – that is all the Methodist Churches in Britain are linked and form a national church model rather than a congregational model, supporting each other and working together).

I have had the privilege of being the representative of the Plymouth and Exeter District for the past two years with two more to serve. I really value your prayers for myself and the whole council as we meet to discuss really important issues regarding the life and witness of the church. Below is a summary of the key points from my perspective to give you an overview and to inform your prayers.

A few key points:

Thy Kingdom Come - The Strategy and Resources Committee have agreed that the Methodist Church in Britain should become a partner in the ecumenical call to prayer initiative, 'Thy Kingdom Come' as an important missional initiative.

Strategic use of property - A report was received approving the development of a Connexional strategy for the use of Methodist



property in Mission and Evangelism. It was suggested that all Methodist property should be demonstrably fulfilling our calling and that searching and rigorous questions are asked before buildings are sold or disposed of. Need for a district overview of the properties and a strategic way forward to enable a Christian presence in cities, towns and villages.

All We Can - The council received a report showing how the Methodist relief and development fund, All We Can, and the Methodist Church are seeking a closer working relationship and heard about discussions that have already taken place.

Statistics for Mission – Where do we go from here? Statistics nationally show that the membership of the Methodist Church continues to decline, apart from a few places that buck the trend. This was given a considerable chunk of time for discussion. The Connexional Leaders gave a presentation and we were asked to consider whether we felt we were at a crisis point and if so what we believed God is saying to us about the way forward. Do we want to change direction or are we happy to go with decline? We were encouraged to reaffirm 'Our Calling' worked out through worship, service, learning and caring and evangelism. Gareth Powell, Secretary to the Conference, said that it is 'a joyful and joy filled task to serve Jesus' and that as council we should be 'agitators for the gospel ... not professional committee goers but here because God has called us to build the body of Christ.' He also said that 'we should not be rushing into a strategy for survival but trust in God and seek to discern His purposes.'

Discussion groups - We were given a set of collated responses on the district discussions from conference to help our discussions in small groups. In my small group we had a long discussion about how we can reverse decline and shared testimonies of good news stories from around the Connexion where God is at work and the church is reaching out with the love of Jesus. We shared ideas for growth such as church planting, cell church, training in personal evangelism for church members, more commitment to prayer and seeking God, encouraging the giving of testimony to what God has done (sharing good news) in order to give people confidence in sharing small stories of faith and encourage the church, encouraging church members in their own personal faith and growth so that they have the confidence to share their faith in Jesus with others in creative and new ways. The small



group discussion points were fed back to the whole council and have been recorded for use at the next council in January.

Early morning communion service – for reflection

The Vice President, Jill Baker, preached at the communion service on the story of Jacob at Bethel (Gen 28:10-19) and Jesus in the temple (John 2:13-22). She drew the comparison between the stories of two pictures of the 'house of God'. She referred to various references to 'Bethel' in the Bible ... 1. Gen 12 Abraham ... set up as a staging post on a journey ... for some people the church is a stopping place on their journey. 2. Gen 28 Jacob, who was a liar and cheat, found a place of grace and undeserved favour ... some people need the church as a place to find grace and mercy. 3. Gen 35 The return to Bethel as a place of death and memorial ... some people need the church as a safe place at difficult times. 4. Judges ... a place of discernment where people enquired of the Lord ... some people need the church at times of uncertainty in their own lives or with world events. 5. Kings. Bethel becomes a place of idolatry – a period of shame and castigation. Then mention of Bethel disappears. Coming to John 2 Jesus comes to the house of God and doesn't meet what He hopes to meet. She invited us to reflect prayerfully on what Jesus meets now in our churches? What are our churches like?

Personal note

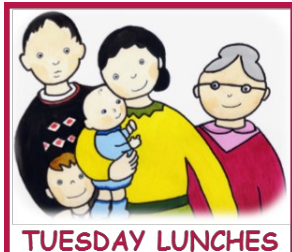
I was deeply encouraged by the conversations and reports discussed at council and especially hopeful about the recognition of the need to do something about the statistics for mission, the need to seek God for the future of the Methodist church and the increasing focus on the need for mission and evangelism across the land. It was agreed that a large portion of council in January will be given to discussing what we can actually DO about this rather than continue talking about it and analysing it ad infinitum.

Carolyn

ADVANCE NOTICE

Tuesday Lunches will be offering
a SPECIAL MEAL in the New Year
on 9 January.

Listen out for more details.





Ivybridge Methodist Church
Saturday 11 November
at 8:30 am
Full English Breakfast for £3.50! *



**After-breakfast testimony -
our very own Jason Archer**

* Let Tony Merriman know if you're able to come
for catering purposes
on 01752-894265
or email mrmerit@icloud.com

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If you have any items for the December/January Newsletter

please get them to the Editor by

Friday 10 November

at the latest please.

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