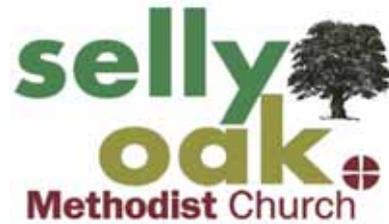


## Notices Update for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020



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### Upcoming events

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUMMER BARBECUE  
SCHEDULED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 am

The District will be broadcasting a worship service  
via Facebook Live (where you can join in the conversation):

[www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/](https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/)

on the District Website: [www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/](http://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/)

via youtube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC65eOm7QtM4Wu1R6jTI7frw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC65eOm7QtM4Wu1R6jTI7frw)

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If you are unable to join on your computer, tablet or phone,  
the attached sheet will enable you to journey with us  
as we worship together in our homes around the District.

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30 pm

Selly Oak Methodist Church worship using Zoom. If you are unable  
to join on your computer, tablet or phone, the attached sheet will  
enable you to journey with us as we worship together in our homes.

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm

Selly Oak Methodist Church Finance Committee  
meeting using Zoom.

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10:30 am

An informal open chat slot between the  
Selly Oak Methodist Church community using Zoom

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6:30 pm

A time of reflection as the Blue Mission and Ministry Team

## Delight

I am not used to feeling weak. I do not like it and my first impulse when I feel weak is to fight. Currently, having had three crashing falls and two strokes, I feel as weak as a kitten whose eyes have not yet opened.

Years ago, staying with my great aunt I had the privilege of seeing the litter of her neighbour's cat. I held one of the tiny wobbling creatures in my hand. It blindly reached out with a miniature paw, not knowing where it was going but feeling the warmth of my hand and trying to make progress.

I feel a lot like that with God at the moment. I can't see the future and I feel shaky, but what the heck, God has me in His hand. I delighted in the kitten. It was so small and perfect, so brave to be exploring when it couldn't see where it was going and so trusting of me. I didn't think about it being weak. To me it was beautiful.

I think our heavenly Father sees us this way. Scripture seems to bear this out in many places. My favourite is in Zephaniah. (Zephaniah was a descendant of the great king Hezekiah and a contemporary of the child king Josiah.)

The bit I am talking about is in chapter 3 v 17 where it says:

The Lord your God is with you  
He is mighty to save  
He will take great delight in you  
He will quiet you with His love  
He will rejoice over you with singing.

I always think of God as a loving Father when I read this, holding His baby and singing lullabies and love songs over His little child. Later there will be laughter together, giggles, and being tossed up in the air and caught safely. There will be great walks and carries, swinging on the arms of parents, and visits to the park. There may be the opportunity to be backpacked up mountains to see the view and to discover rivers and the sea. There will likely be chasing of butterflies and pigeons. One may even have the joy of holding a tiny bird in one's hand or even a kitten (not at the same time). But for now just the Father holding and the being held is enough.

*Ann*

## **Readers for Sunday Evening Zoom Worship**

As we expect to be continuing our Sunday evening Zoom worship for some weeks to come, we would like to pull together a list of people willing to read a lesson during these services. If you would be willing to help in this way please let me know on [richardandcatherinekirby@btinternet.com](mailto:richardandcatherinekirby@btinternet.com)

Many thanks, Richard

## **SOMC's Big Quiz**

The proposed church barbecue today (18<sup>th</sup> July) will not be going ahead. Instead, you are invited to join a church 'Big Quiz' on Zoom at 3pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Bring all your trivia knowledge and compete for amazing prizes\*. All ages and interests are welcome.

We will also need people to volunteer to write quiz rounds of about ten questions on a subject of their choosing.

If you fancy a few minutes playing Jeremy Paxman, please contact Rebecca ASAP with the subject or title of your round.

\*prizes not guaranteed

## **Methodist podcast**

Have you discovered the Methodist podcast? Published Thursday evening each week, it features interviews with Methodist churches and partners from across the country. Follow this link <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/podcasts/> or search for "Methodist podcast" on your podcast software.

If anyone would like to buy any Traidcraft items, please contact Hazel Bethell

**Grant us, Lord,  
not to be anxious about earthly things,  
but to love heavenly;  
and even now,  
while we are placed  
among things that are passing away,  
to hold fast to those things which last for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon

**Please remember in your prayers**

Everybody working in the NHS and care homes at this very traumatic time.  
Methodist Church charities at a time of reduced income.

Those named on our prayer cards:

**Barbara Clark, Marilyn Dimond, Prisca Gangata, Rachel Hughes,  
Mary Lea, Catherine Ngoro, Joyce Parr, Brian Pascal,  
Margaret Payne, Winnie Salter, Nick Skelding,  
Wyn Stimson, Cynthia Sutton, Ann Thacker,  
Margaret Thompson, Norma Thorpe, Doris Turland,  
Terry Turner, Sandra and Barry Warren, Jean Wood.**

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