



Monthly Notices - November 2024

Our Minister - Rev Bethany Willers

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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, November 12, we will recognise Remembrance Sunday in worship. One of our worship leaders, Frank Wheeler, will be leading the service. The service will pause at 10:30 for any who wish to leave our service to go and attend the town service which will take place at the cross. I will attend the start of our service and then leave to attend and help lead the town service.

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I always look forward to Advent as a season in the church, and I must admit a fondness for Advent calendars that help count down the days towards Christmas with a daily piece of chocolate. In past years, it has irked me that secular Advent calendars always start on 1 December, even when the actual start date of Advent is often in November. However, this year, all of the calendars are correct as Advent does indeed begin on Sunday 1 December!

This year we will be exploring the Methodist Church theme for the year which is “Hush the Noise.” Here is what they have to say about it:

Christmas is loud isn't it? So much expectation. So many voices. Telling us how to celebrate. What to wear. What to eat and drink. What to watch and what to buy.

Instead, this Christmas we're inviting everyone to hush the noise. To listen for the love song that the angels bring, this and every year. They sang it for the first time more than 2,000 years ago, on the midnight clear. They're just waiting for us to join in.

I will share more about this theme and our specific Advent/Christmas services and celebrations in the December newsletter article.

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On a personal note, many of you know that in September and October I was studying to take something called the “Life in the UK” exam. This is a 24 question exam that both Joel and I had to pass in order to take the next steps in applying for our next visa which will allow us to remain and work in the UK. I am delighted to share that we both passed and can now continue to move forward with the process!

Blessings, Bethany



If you would like to donate any unwanted DIY tools to the TFSR cause, please see Margaret during Tuesday or Friday Coffee Mornings.



CHURCH COUNCIL
Saturday 16th
November
at 10 am

RECHARGE

We are meeting at the Portskewett Church hall on
Thursday 14th November, 7pm
and then again on
Thursday 12th December. 7pm
Paul Burke



COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday & Friday 9.30am



MONEYTREE

Many thanks to our ladies who created a 'Moneytree' and from all the envelopes £234 was raised for Caldicot Food Bank Funds, plus Harvest produce.

Well Done and a big thank you for all your efforts, Much appreciated.



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24th @ 11.15pm



Come and join us for Christmas Candle-Lit Mid-Night Communion, Plus words of encouragement for the future by our Minister
The Rev. Bethany Willers,
plus some of your favourite Carols.



We welcome all who worship with us

MORNING WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING

Every Sunday at 10.00am

Preachers for November

3rd November Rev L. Healey (Holy Communion)
10th Worship Leader
17th Rev B. Willers inc Baptism ++ 24th Local Arrangement

Zoom Service - Every Sunday at 10.00am

United with the service in the church

To join the service or for further details or to request the Zoom link be emailed to you please contact Jack Healey or Gareth Edwards (caldicotmc@gmail.com)



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10th

at 10.00am led by a Worship Leader



Come and join the congregation to remember the fallen in so many conflicts over the years that have taken from us our family & friends.



CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23rd from
9.30am to 12.00noon

Cakes, Gifts, Jewellery
Games, Books, Jigsaws & Raffle

Also Featuring
U3A Art Group
& R.N.L.I. stall.



Refreshments
available - Free Entrance

ALL VERY WELCOME



Operation Christmas Child (shoebox appeal)



Leaflets for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (shoebox

appeal) are available in church. If you would like to provide a Christmas present for a child who may receive nothing else this year, you can fill and wrap a standard shoebox or pick up a pre-printed shoebox. A container is available in the tearoom for people who may wish to donate one or two items rather than fill a whole box. The full list of what can and cannot be included is in the leaflet (please remember that toothpaste, lotion and sweets/chocolates are not accepted). We will collect in all the shoeboxes during the service on Sunday 17th November. Please speak to Carrie for any further details. Thank you

**HYMN: THE STORY BEHIND ‘
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!’**

Fanny Crosby (1820 – 1915), the American singer and musician, was blind from the age of six weeks. She married her music teacher, Alexander Van Alstyne, who was also blind. She was a prolific song-writer, and once signed a contract with a publisher to write three songs every week throughout the year. But in fact, she wrote thousands during her lifetime.

Although American evangelists Moody and Sankey used this hymn on their missions, it did not become an immediate favourite. But after Billy Graham featured it in his Haringay crusade in 1954, Londoners were soon singing it on their way home, in streets and busy queues and underground trains.

When Dr Graham took it back to the United States and introduced it at his crusade in Nashville, Tennessee, it soon took its place in the group of top favourites hymns.

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

By Fanny Crosby (1820 – 1915)

NEXT MONTHLY NOTICES

If you have an item, please contact Roger Simms by Thursday **28^h November**