



Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church

Minister - Rev. Shirlyn Toppin - Tel 01793 853197

Lectionary - Numbers 21: 4-9 - 'The Bronze Serpent',
 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 - 'Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles',
 Ephesians 2: 1-10 - 'From Death to Life',
 John 3: 14-21 - 'Nicodemus Visits Jesus'.

Prayer Rota - Robins Close in RWB, Upper Thames Circuit, Newcastle upon Tyne District,
 Argentina Evangelical Methodist Church

Please pray for the week's activities and those taking part:

Tuesday 12 March	10am - 12.30pm - Tuesday Morning Pop-In, Light Lunch & Warm Space
Wednesday 13 March	9.30am - 12pm - Ladies Walking Group
	7.30pm - 8.30pm - Prayer with a Purpose
Friday 15 March	10am - 11.30am - Puddleducks
Saturday 16 March	10.30am - 1pm - Messy Church
Sunday 17 March	10.30am - Worship Service, led by Rev. Shirlyn Toppin

Rev. Shirlyn will be leading us in a short quiet contemplative service from **7pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week (25, 26 and 27 March)**. On **Maundy Thursday**, we will be having Holy Communion, also at **7pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please Note - We are awaiting a revised date for the Church Work Day, which was originally planned and advertised for **Saturday 27 April**. Watch this space!

Calling all sewers/seamstresses! I am hoping to do an *Open the Book*-style story session with the children in church, on average once a month, when we will read and then act out a story from the Bible. It would be great to have our own supply of costumes. I'd love to have 6-8 children's tabards or robes, any colour, that are easy to put on over clothes. I'll also need some tea-towels, a length of blue material (that can be water) and brown material and a few fabric belts. If you can help, please let me know. Thank you! *Louise*

Prayer Circle - The prayer circle is one way in which we can support others with our prayers. There is a daytime group and an evening group, contacted by telephone. We are currently revising the lists and if you would like to be included or need more information, please see Ruth Cooper.

We have been asked by a descendant of **William Ind**, about a plaque that was in this building to commemorate William, a local preacher for 30 years in the mid-1800s. If anyone remembers the plaque, or knows what became of the old plaques which were removed over the years, please let Louise or Gillian know.

In 1976 I gave birth to twins, Sarah and Helen, when I was 23 weeks into the pregnancy. Sarah and Helen were baptised by the midwife and lived for half an hour. They had a funeral, and we have birth and death certificates for them.

I share this not to seek sympathy, but rather I want you to be aware of the possibility that an amendment to the abortion law will be brought to Parliament next month, which will hopefully lower the age allowing abortion from 24 weeks to 22. I have left some postcards in the foyer to send to our MP asking him to attend and vote in favour of lowering the age limit.

It's very distressing to think of babies at that stage of development being aborted. Please write to:
 James Gray, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Thank you. *Heather Bacon*

If you have an item, please contact Mary on notices@rwbmc.co.uk by the preceding Tuesday evening.