

## **Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church**

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Minister - Rev. Shirlyn Toppin - Tel. 01793 853197

**Lectionary** - Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;

1 Corinthians 12:1-11;

John 2:1-11.

Prayer Rota - Westbury Park in RWB; Purton Methodist Church in our Circuit;

Methodist Church in Wales; Ireland Methodist Church.

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

Monday 20 January 7.30pm - Bible Study in Church - Revelation Chapter 1 10.00am - Tuesday Morning Pop-In & Light Lunch

Wednesday 22 January 9.30am - Walking Group

7.30pm - Prayer with a Purpose

Friday 24 January 10.00am - Puddleducks

Sunday 26 January 10.30am - Worship Service, led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

**Flowers** - this week the flowers have been arranged by Gill FitzGerald. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our flowers, please inform either Gill or a steward. This may be due to illness, bereavement, or maybe having something to celebrate. *Mary* 

## Here is the latest in our occasional series:

**Alpha** started way back in 1977 at Holy Trinity Brompton church in London. In 1990 Nicky Gumbel repositioned *Alpha* as a course for people outside of the church to explore the Christian faith through a series of talks, and through conversation with others in a friendly environment which is open to everyone.

Alpha now runs in many countries across the world. It happened here in Royal Wootton Bassett two years ago, with several churches in and beyond the town working together. The *Prayer with a Purpose* team here at RWBMC provided valuable prayer support. The weekly sessions in the town were held in the evening but some churches also run daytime sessions. Each session comprises of a meal, a video and an informal Q & A time. The sessions run for about 12 weeks and here in RWB a group attending the sessions wished to continue meeting, to further explore the Bible and deepen their faith.

Today many churches run *Alpha* sessions and these are widely advertised. So look out for them ... *Heather*