



## Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church

**Minister** - Rev. Shirlyn Toppin - Tel 01793 853197

**Lectionary** - Acts 4:32-35 - 'The Believers Share Their Possessions',  
Psalm 133 - 'The Blessedness of Unity',  
1 John 1:1 - 2:2 - 'The Word of Life', 'God is Light', 'Christ our Advocate',  
John 20:19-31 - 'Jesus Appears to the Disciples', 'Jesus and Thomas',  
'The Purpose of this Book'.

**Prayer Rota** - The Rosary in RWB; St. Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze, in our Circuit;  
Plymouth & Exeter District; Austria United Methodist Church.

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

<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	10am - Tuesday Morning Pop-In & Light Lunch
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	9.30am - Walking Group 7.30pm - Prayer with a Purpose
<b>Friday 12 April</b>	NO Puddleducks
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	9am - Service of Holy Communion, led by Rev. Dr. Joseph Ribeiro 10.30am - Worship Service, led by Gayle Bryon

**Flowers** - this week the flowers have been arranged by Rosemary Knight on behalf of Audrey Baines. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our flowers, please inform either Rosemary, Audrey or a Steward. This may be due to illness, a bereavement or maybe having something to celebrate.

As a church we are responsible for providing all the food for the homeless and needy on the night of **Thursday 11 April** in Swindon. Donations of money and goodies - i.e. homemade/bought cakes, individual chocolate bars, crisps and biscuits to enjoy with their hot drinks. Gifts can be dropped off at the church on **Tuesday** after 10am when Pop-In takes place. Many thanks. *Lois*

**Church Garden** - we are planning to meet again on **Monday 15 April** at 9.30am. Why not come along and help tidy the garden? All are welcome, and refreshments will be served. *John*

**Here is the latest in our occasional series about groups in our Church:**

**The Friendship Group** - in 1966 there were a number of young wives at the Methodist Church. The then minister's wife, Mrs Lockett, talked with some of them and they decided to start a 'Young Wives' group. There were two secretaries who would arrange a programme and hold the office for one year. This is still held to today. Tea and biscuits cost 6d. The 'Young Wives' group became 'Wives' and then, in order to be more inclusive, became *'The Friendship Group'* as it is today.

The programme has included speakers on various topics, visits to the theatre, walks (not so long these days!), collecting for *Christian Aid*, performing in concerts and Care Homes, and food (meals out, safari suppers, cookery demonstrations, pudding evenings to name a few). Once a year we meet with the members of St Barts Guild.

Since Covid we have started meeting in the afternoons rather than the evening. We have a small subscription and sometimes fund-raising events. Any profits made over the year are given to a nominated charity. Recent events have included card making and a puddings afternoon. Still to come on the current programme includes entertainment from *Music and Mirth* and a summer walk.

Over the years, friendship and fun have been at the heart of this church-based group. Numbers present throughout the years have been around 20. There are still a few of the original members attending and all are welcome. *Ruth*

If you have an item, please contact Mary on [notices@rwbmc.co.uk](mailto:notices@rwbmc.co.uk) by the preceding Tuesday evening.