



Southside Methodist Church

April 2022



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Sharing Jesus

Sunday Services		
Services/Prayers	Location	Details
Sunday 3 rd April 10.30 am	Southside	Morning Worship Led by Nick Drury
Palm Sunday Sunday 10 th April 10:30 am	Southside	Morning Worship Led by Maureen Newcombe
Good Friday Friday 15 th April 7pm	Southside	Meditation Led by Rev Vivienne Smith
Easter Day Sunday 17 th April 11.30 am <i>Service starts later than usual</i>	Southside	Holy Communion Led by Rev Vivienne Smith
Sunday 24 th April 10.30 am	Southside	Morning Worship To be confirmed
Sunday 1 st May 10:30 am	Southside	Morning Worship Led by Stephen Halford
Peterborough Methodist Circuit Services and Prayers online		
Services/Prayers	Location	Details
Circuit Livestream or pre-recorded Service Every Sunday Morning 10:30 am and Circuit Morning prayers Monday to Thursday Mornings at 8:30 am	Online	Led by Rev Langley Mackrell-Hey, Revd Dale Sherriff or Matt Forsyth on Facebook or YouTube https://www.facebook.com/peterboroughmethodistcircuit/ See links on home page of the Circuit Website https://www.peterboroughmethodistcircuit.org/

And on Tuesdays

Church 4 All



Church done differently **4 All**, with toast and drinks, fun and faith
Every Tuesday from 3.30-4.45pm during term time

Find out more about Southside Methodist Church on our website:

www.southsidemethodistchurch.org.uk



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For information on Methodist churches in the Peterborough area visit

www.peterboroughmethodistcircuit.org

For more information on the Methodist Church nationally visit www.methodist.org.uk

Walk of Witness

Friday 15th April 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join Christians from across Peterborough in the annual "Walk of Witness" procession organised by Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP).

We gather at **Stanley Recreation Ground and set off at 10am** on a procession through the city centre, to Cathedral Square. At the front of the procession, a number of people will carry a large wooden cross, to remember the journey Jesus made in The Bible. Once in Cathedral Square, a large, open air service takes place, with hundreds of people taking part. This year Sam Higgins, the Deanery Youth Mission Enabler will be leading the service.

Hot cross buns and other light refreshments will be available afterwards at St John's church behind the Guildhall.

A Facebook event is available with details.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/380806853498648>

Southside Church Council

The next Church Council meeting will be Monday 9th May at 7.30 pm in the church.

All are welcome.



SOUTHSIDE METHODIST CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
CHURCH FAMILY PARTY FOR ALL AGES**

TO CELEBRATE

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

ON FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

2pm -5pm

Further details to follow

GUILD LUNCH CLUB

Our next meeting will be on
WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL
12.30pm followed by Guild Meeting at 1.30pm

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST OR RING SUE TO
SAY YOU WILL BE COMING

Reverend Viv's Podcasts

Our Minister does a regular podcast.

Follow the link below to listen:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-567551862>

Thank you

Thank you for all my Birthday cards
they were much appreciated.

God Bless

Betty

*You are all warmly invited to **Elton Chapel**
for their:*

Bird Festival & Teas

*on St George's Day - 23 April
from 10am – 4.30pm*

*There will be displays, a photo and
art competition, a quiz,
prizes, books, gifts and bird song!*

Free entry; all welcome

May 2022 Newsletter

If you have anything you would like
published in the May edition,
please send your article in **by Midnight**

Sunday 17th April

Thank you (Ed)

NO EXCUSE SUNDAY

The following has been taken from a local church magazine, tongue in cheek, of course!

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday we are going to have a special
NO EXCUSE SUNDAY.

Beds will be provided for those who say Sunday is the only day then can lie in. We will have steel helmets for those who say the roof will fall in if they ever come to church. Blankets and hot water bottles will be provided for those who say the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. We will have hearing aids for those who say the vicar speaks too softly and cotton wool for those who say she speaks too loudly. Scorecards will be provided for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Some relatives will be provided for those like to go visiting relatives on Sunday. There will be TV dinners for those who can't possibility come because they have lunch to prepare. One section of the churchyard will be devoted to trees and shrubs for those who like to see God in nature. Car washes will be provided for those who always wash the car on Sunday. There will be a launderette for those who always do their washing on Sundays and for those who always work in the garden plenty of work will be provided in the churchyard.

Finally, the sanctuary and chancel will be decorated with holly and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

So, you now have **NO EXCUSE!**

Today, Tomorrow & Forever

I don't know about you but has anyone been feeling a bit down about the news recently. I turned on my TV the day all the Covid rules ended only to be told about the invasion of Ukraine. Then there's climate change and the increasing cost of fuel and living and so on. Just when we thought things were going to get better something else comes along and spoils things. Is it just me or do you think sometimes life and your feelings are on a bit of a rollercoaster? Sometimes you feel on top of the world and sometimes you feel in a valley of despair? Well while I was feeling a bit down I was listening to UCB on the radio when this song came on [Today Tomorrow & Forever by Sanctus Real](#).

The lyrics to the chorus go something like this:

*Today tomorrow and forever I will live for you,
Today tomorrow and forever I will worship you.*

Ok it sounds a bit cliché, but then the verses of the song go on about praising God in the good times and the bad. And they got me thinking. Since I've been a Christian there have been times when I've felt like praising God and there have been times when I've felt a bit indifferent. However, God has always been there and always will. And I can't think of my life without him. I couldn't imagine how I'd cope if I didn't have him to pray to. And when I make an effort to worship him, I feel better for it. Today is a brighter morning the spring is here so I should take time to appreciate the beauty of nature around me and say thank you (which I don't do often enough). And I will be thankful that I have the privilege of being able to worship God (whereas others in the world don't). So, I going to make the words of the song into a bit of a mantra, for the time being, to remind me that God is good and he is with us here today, will be here tomorrow and forever whatever happens and however we feel.

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