

# BUXTED METHODIST CHURCH

## March 2020 Newsletter

# Lent

### Church Services

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|------------|---------|--|
| 1st March  | 10:00am | Lent 1 – Rev Roger Leslie                        |
| 8th March  | 10:00am | Lent 2 – Rev Sheila Foreman                      |
| 15th March | 10:00am | Rev Amanda Roper<br>Lent 3 - Holy Communion      |
| 22nd March | 10:00am | Lent 4 – Mrs Christine Sweet<br>Mothering Sunday |
| 29th March | 10:00am | Lent 5 – Mrs Liz Bates                           |

### Diary for March

|                           |         |  |
|---------------------------|---------|--|
| Tuesday 3rd               | 10:00am | Mother and Toddler Group                 |
| Wednesday 4th             | 10:00am | Village Pop-In                           |
| Friday 6th                | 2:00pm  | Art Group                                |
| Saturday 7th              | 10:30am | Coffee Morning – including a light lunch |
| Monday 9th                | 12:00am | Bible Study – Loving Justice             |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:00am | Mother and Toddler Group                 |
| Wednesday 11th            | 10:00am | Village Pop-In                           |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30pm  | Emmaus                                   |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> | 08:00am | Crowborough Women's Breakfast            |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 11:15am | Church Council Meeting                   |
| Tuesday 17th              | 10:00am | Mother and Toddler Group                 |
| Wednesday 18th            | 10:00am | Village Pop-In                           |
| Tuesday 24th              | 10:00am | Mother and Toddler Group                 |
| Wednesday 25th            | 10:00am | Village Pop-In                           |
| Thursday 26th             | 2:00pm  | Fellowship and Prayer (Buxted Court)     |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>  | 10:00am | Mother and Toddler Group                 |

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## LENT ACTIVITIES

Two courses have been arranged during Lent:

1. **Uckfield** – a 7 week course, starting on **Thursday 27th February 10:00am**, will be held at 'The Source' (next to Luxford Cark Park).
2. **Crowborough** – a 5 week course, starting on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm**, will be held at the United Church. This course will be run by Amanda and Claire Steen.

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The following was used by David Sweet in his service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020. It has been reproduced from a very interesting and worthwhile reading article, by Rev Dr Roger L Walton (past President of the Conference). A copy can be found in the '**The Connection (winter 2020)**' which is available within the hall.

## A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ.

With God's help, we commit to this way of life:

### Worship

- We will pray daily.
- We will worship with others regularly.
- We will look and listen for God in Scripture and the world.

### Learning and Caring

- We will care for ourselves and others around us.
- We will practice hospitality and generosity.
- We will learn more about our faith.

### Service

- We will help and serve people in our communities and beyond.
- We will honour creation and tend the environment.
- We will challenge injustice.

### Evangelism

- We will speak of God in Jesus.
- We will live in such a way that others may be drawn to Jesus.
- We will share our faith with others sensitively.

May each life be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world.

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## NOTICES



### Lent

Lent starts on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and ends on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.



### Church Meeting

The spring Church Council meeting will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** following the morning service. Please contact the Church Secretary if you wish to raise a topic during the 'member's time'.



### Art Group

The Art Group will meet in the Church Hall on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2pm**. Newcomers are most welcome.



### Coffee Morning

The March Coffee morning, including a light lunch, will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 10:30am**.

The April Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020.



### Emmaus

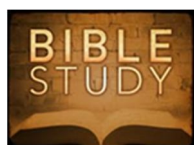
The Emmaus Group will meet on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm** with a discussion followed by a light supper. All are welcome.



### Crowborough Women's Breakfast

The spring Crowborough Women's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 08:00**. As the Barnsgate Manor has closed this will be held at the Community Centre, Crowborough. Lorna Ashworth will be speaking on "The Value of Life" based upon Psalm 139.

See Pat for tickets and other information.



### Bible Study

The Bible Study Group will meet on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 12:00am** at 5 Broad Oak, Buxted and continue the discussion on "Loving Justice".

**THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE USUAL DATE!**



### Fellowship and Prayer

This mid-week 'Prayer and Fellowship' Group (led by Judy Franklin - 01825 508627) meet at 8 Buxted Court on the fourth Thursday in every month (**26<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm**). Please come and join us and see what amazing things God has for us in 2020 – Tea/Coffee and biscuits await you.

### Make a Difference (4<sup>th</sup> April: United Church Crowborough)

A day to enthuse and inspire Elders and other church members to catch a renewed vision for who God has called us to be in our service for the Kingdom.

This is an invitation from the URC for anyone to come and attend (10:00 – 14:30). The poster is displayed in the hall together with a booking form to be submitted by March 24<sup>th</sup>.



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## SUNDAY SERVICES

|                 |  |   |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Morning Service | 10:00am  | Children of all ages welcome.                                     |
| Holy Communion  | Celebrated once per month with the morning service |   |
| Evening Service | 6:00pm   | Usually 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in month<br>(April – October only) |

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

|  |                |              |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Art Group (Monthly)                                    | Valerie Moffat | 01825 733173 |
| Coffee morning (Monthly)                               | Valerie Moffat | 01825 733173 |
| Emmaus (Monthly)                                       | Della Shirley  | 01825 712396 |
| Lunch-Time Bible Study (Monthly)                       | Rev Ray King   | 01903 916720 |
| Mother, Baby and Toddler Group<br>(Weekly – term time) | Sue Hitchins   | 01825 733098 |
| Village Pop-In (Weekly)                                | Pat Mellett    | 01892 655651 |

## CHURCH CONTACTS

|           |                 |              |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| STEWARDS: | Chris Hitchins  | 01825 733098 |
|           | Angela Jenkins  | 01825 733379 |
|           | Christine Sweet | 01825 740184 |

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| Bookings and Enquires:              | Penny Jones    | 01825 732907 |
| Church Council Secretary:           | Sue Hitchins   | 01825 733098 |
| Sunday Service - Minister's Contact | Valerie Moffat | 01825 733173 |
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