



LANCING METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSNOTES for the weeks beginning Sundays 13th September and 20th September

There will not be any NewsNotes next week due to the editor being on holiday.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Lancing Methodist Church exists to express the Christian faith in worship and service in ways which deepen discipleship, enrich fellowship and encourage evangelism.

THE SERVICE TODAY

10.30 am. Leader today is our new minister Rev Ian Couchman

NEXT TWO WEEKS' SERVICES

Sunday 20th September 10.30 am. Leader will be Deacon Phyllis King
To reserve a place at this service please phone :-
Marlene Mitchell on.... 01903 752699

Sunday 27th September 10.30 am. Leader will be Rev Ian Couchman
To reserve a place at this service please phone :-
Hugh Bond on.... 01273 500275

QUOTE ABOUT FAITH

Take the first step in Faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase,
just take the first step. *Martin Luther King jr*

A PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear God,

Thank you for this new beginning. Be with us in this time of change.

Bless us with opportunity and the will to seize it.

Grant us energy, strength, wisdom and discernment

Thank you for the gifts You give us to succeed in joy!

We come to You in prayer, open and ready to make the most of the life

You give us. *Amen*

VERSES FOR NEW STARTS

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. *ISAIAH 43:18-19*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! *2 CORINTHIANS 5:17*

IN YOUR PRAYERS REMEMBER

Ian and Pam as they start their Ministry journey with us.

Mary Langham who is now back at home.

The father of Peter Edwards, who is in respite care.

Betty Piercy at home recovering.

Conn who is now back home.

Jan Currier recovering at home from an operation.

Mary Bond who has broken her wrist.

LOCKDOWN THOUGHTS

This seems a bit like writing “what I did on my holidays” at the beginning of a new term – only, of course, we’re not yet in a new term.

At the beginning, it was all quite easy. We knew we were the lucky ones; we had each other, we had a garden and we had an income, and we were very aware of people who had none of these things. However, we set to with a will – spring cleaning and gardening as so many others did. I decided this was the opportunity to get my piano playing back to the standard it used to be and embarked on daily practice, only to find that age has overtaken my joints and I couldn’t do it any more.

Sometimes it was hard to remember what day it was as the usual pattern of the week was no longer there. I couldn't go to the gym so I found an exercise programme I could do at home. We couldn't go to the supermarket so we (eventually) established a delivery service. House-group didn't meet for a long time, then we ventured onto Zoom and have been meeting that way, and meeting in person on Henfield Common once a fortnight. The play that I was supposed to be in was postponed from March to October and then again until January if we can ever remember the lines.

The worst thing was being cut off from church. To start with, not having the constant discipline of preparing services was something of a relief but then it seemed wrong; this is my calling and I was not fulfilling it. Thankfully things are beginning to move again. Derek's church opened at the beginning of July so I was grateful to be able to go there.

Now everything has slowed down. The house and garden are no longer as pristine as they were and I find myself constantly saying, "How long, O Lord?"
Lesley

THANKS

On behalf of the other stewards and the church fellowship, I would like to say a big `THANK YOU` to Hugh Bond. He has done so much to keep the church running smoothly over the last few years and even more so since lockdown. Not only has he had his senior steward duties and circuit responsibilities but he has also had all the property matters to deal with. Since Richard and Gabriele have left us he has also dealt with NewsNotes, and that's just the big things I have mentioned.

If it was not for Hugh (with Mary's help of course) LMC would be in a very sorry state.

He has literally kept the church in one piece, the building and us as the `Church`.

So sincere thanks, Hugh, and we do pray that God will bring forward folk to take on responsibility for some of the tasks before too long.

Sally.

Send items for inclusion in 27th September edition to:
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TOUGHER QUIZ FOR TWO WEEKS

1. Which artist painted the Poppy Field in 1873?
2. Which country is the world's largest producer of cheese?
3. What goes into a White Russian cocktail?
4. Which film featured 'King of Wishful Thinking' by Go West?
5. Who was Henry VIII's 3rd wife?
6. Who has won the most Oscars for acting in the history of the Academy Awards?
7. Which southern Italian city is usually credited as the birthplace of the pizza?
8. Pret A Manger is a popular sandwich chain in the UK, but what does the French name mean in English?
9. Where is the US Masters golf tournament held?
10. Which Beatles film featured the songs 'You're Going to Lose that Girl' and Beethoven's Symphony Number 9 in D Minor?
11. What language is spoken in Brazil?
12. In what year did Coronation Street first air on ITV?
13. What herb is used to make pesto?
14. What is the currency of Vietnam?
15. What temperature centigrade does water boil at?
16. What does Lord of the Rings author J.R.R. Tolkien's initials stand for?
17. What is the chemical symbol of Gold?
18. Which former Beatle had a number one hit with Stevie Wonder in 1982?
19. What is the first line of Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody'?
20. Chim Chim Cher-ee from the film 'Mary Poppins' won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in which year?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

1. Love
2. Jesus' entry to Jerusalem
3. Luke
4. Eight
5. Moses
6. Moon & Sun
7. 39
8. Ten
9. Sabbath Day keep Holy
10. Light
11. John the Baptist
12. Psalm 119
13. Matthias
14. Jonah
15. At Jesus' baptism
16. Sychar
17. Jesus wept
18. Thirteen
19. Lepers
20. 127 years