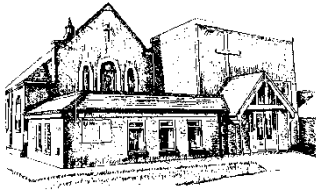


## YMC News

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### YATE METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday Worship:-10.30am (unless otherwise stated)**

**Welcome to our Church for On-Line and Telephone Worship**

**March 7th:-** Rev Ray Avent

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray for the Lent groups as they commence this week and for Leigh as he leads us.

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**March 14<sup>th</sup> :-** Ms Naomi Sharp (**Family Worship**)

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Mothering Sunday. Pray for families everywhere as they continue to cope after the disruption of the pandemic

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**March 21st:-** Rev Leigh Maydew (**Communion**)

Weekly Prayer Topic: Pray for our schoolchildren and the teachers as they settle back in to school.

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**March 28<sup>th</sup> :-**Mrs Hennie Gray

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Meditate on this most Holy of weeks as we travel towards Good Friday and Easter Day.

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**April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday:-** 9.00am- Rev Leigh Maydew (**Communion**). 10.30am Ms Naomi Sharp (**Praise Service**)

### Our Sunday Services

During lockdown you will all be aware that we are unable to hold our Sunday services in the church but they continue on-line on the church Facebook page [www.facebook.com/YateMethodistChurch](http://www.facebook.com/YateMethodistChurch) and by telephone link.

Telephone in using - 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237

Meeting ID: 922 1708 6717#

Passcode: 706975#

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telephone numbers are local rate numbers and so are normally included in your packages.

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### Church Groups

During the current lockdown no church groups are meeting. We have no date yet when we can open the church for services.

### Lent Group

This year's Lent Course is a course entitled *Caring for Creation* which helps us to look at some of the ideas for the District eco-church project.

The material for session one was sent out by Leigh.

The Lent study group meets on Zoom on the following dates, all beginning at 1930hrs:

Sessions 2-5 below

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (due to Yate Church Council on the Thursday)
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

If you would like to join the discussion groups please drop Leigh an email and he will send you the Zoom link. Bring a cuppa and the material for a chat. **If you're not able to make each week, that's not a worry.**

### Lockdown Reflections – 'What I am most looking forward to.....'

Hi all. I am looking forward to getting the band back together, to taking Alex wedding dress shopping, to seeing my sister and her family who live abroad, but mostly just to being able to hug people again!

Andrea

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When things improve we are looking forward to visiting our children and giving our granddaughter a big cuddle!

All the best

David and Janet

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Like everyone else we have found the last year very challenging with many problems and sadly the loss of many friends who have died.

On February 1st we had the sad news that Joy's brother, Rob, had died suddenly in Canada following surgery. Although we are missing him so much, we are grateful that we had a long talk with him a couple of days before, he was such fun with a great sense of humour. We also have lovely memories of our holidays in Canada and are thankful for the loving

contact with our sister-in-law and our nieces and nephews. He was a man of deep faith and this has given us hope for the coming days. For the future we have the hope, with the vaccination roll out, of meeting up with everyone again soon and we are so glad of the contact we have had with everyone over the past year. We have had the good news of one of our grandsons, Daniel, getting engaged and our eldest grandson Joe is hopefully getting married in July. Lots to look forward to. See you all soon. Love and God bless Joy and Mike.

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Time seems to be passing surprisingly quickly so it really will not be too long before we are together again.

We now "puppy" sit two afternoons a week and Joanne and Arthur are here at the weekend - no wonder the time seems to fly! Arthur is 6 months old and now has proper dog fur. He is still extremely wilful and furniture chewing is a favourite pastime. However, when behaving, he is adorable.

Work in the garden has been possible for a few hours and it's lovely to see the spring bulbs bursting through. It's too wet to go to the allotment, but we have got all our seeds ready and waiting and are hoping for another bumper crop of soft fruit.

What am I looking forward to - meeting family and friends, going out spontaneously and perhaps a holiday??

Many thanks to Joan and JP/ Irene for keeping me up to date  
Hope all are well  
Deirdre

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### **Lockdown! (Brenda Isherwood)**

So, lockdown is going to be over, (so they say) by the end part of June,

And for me and for thousands of others, it truly can't get here too soon,

I'll be able to go see my sister, and we'll greet with hugs and loud laughter,

And the one I have not seen for ages, I'll go up north, and visit my daughter,

And that meeting will start with such cuddles, and all of the things we have missed,

Being close to her, and being able, - when I leave, to leave with a Kiss!

To go on journeys that are not essential, to window shop, have coffee with friends

I shall do this when this lockdown is over, when the restrictions eventually end

And to be in the church, together in fellowship with one another

Not just hearing the Hymns, but singing along, loudly, all of us there together.

So lucky to be here and healthy, when so many have

not survived,

I thank God for his goodness towards us, so happy to be here, alive.

Isolation was hard for all people, hope this is the very last time,

Lockdown proved that we need one another, we are all part of God's humankind.

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Being somewhat distant from our family we are looking forward to being allowed to enter Wales again and go out for a curry with our daughter Sam and Adrian at our favourite Indian restaurant, and making an inspection of her allotment, making the trip to Lewes to see Matt, Katie and granddaughter Maddie and going for a walk over the South Downs with Ava the dog!

We are 'hanging on Boris' every word to know when we can go into Somerset and open up our caravan (now possibly April 12<sup>th</sup>) and when we can 'hit the road' in our motorhome. At least one of our current provisional bookings will be null and void.

On a different tack it will be good when (or if) we can revert to 'normal service' at the Foodbank, meeting volunteers we haven't seen for some time and making contact with clients at the Candle again.

And we look forward to being able to recover our 'church life' in all its forms. See you soon.....?

Best Wishes to all  
Andy and Mary

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