



MOUNT CHARLES METHODIST CHURCH

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*This Church with the rainbow window exists to reflect the love of God to all people
and welcomes them in the name of Jesus.*

SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023



Wonderful Father, we are thankful for your love that draws us together.

Please make us aware of your presence with us

and accepting of your loving will for our lives as we seek to serve you.

10am – Mrs Jenny Taylor

6pm – Circuit Songs of Praise at Bethel – Rev Paul Benney

Stewards – Gareth Bray & Peter Moreton: Accompanist – Ann Arnold: Screen – Brenda Tregenza

Flowers – Liz Rowe: Coffee – Kath & George Miller: Door – Hazel & Adam Drew

SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023

10am – Mrs Carol Baines

6pm – Circuit Service at Carclaze – Rev Iris Bray

Stewards – Gareth Bray & Liz Bray: Accompanist – Ann Arnold: Screen – Steve Horne

Flowers – Kathy Sturley: Coffee – Pat & John Dowling: Door – Barbara & Will Russett

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th

9.30am Butterflies & Babies – Group for preschool children

10.30am Housegroup at Liz Burroughs', 2 Carnsmerry Crescent, St Austell

Wednesday 8th

2.30pm Women's Fellowship – Members afternoon

6.30pm WoW on Zoom

Friday 10th

10am Friday coffee – Lesley and Bob Coles

10.15am Prayer Fellowship – Leslie Barnes

Saturday 11th

10am Church garden tidy - see*

***CHURCH GARDEN** We will be having a spring tidy up on Saturday 11th March from 10am to 12noon. No particular skill required, just enthusiasm. All welcome.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING Seven church members now represent Mount Charles. They are: Ann Arnold, Gareth Bray, Liz Burroughs, Angela Farrow, Elwyn Moreton, Barbara Russett and Will Russett. We thank those who have offered to take up this important role.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES Our Church Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 17th December; more details will follow nearer the time.

TEAR FUND EARTHQUAKE APPEAL Our Bring and Buy stall and soup lunch on Friday 24th February raised £516.75 and our total now stands at £536.75, thanks to a donation after the event. We will continue to support this appeal at our circuit evening services during March.

WHAT SHOULD I CHANGE SO THAT THE CLIMATE DOESN'T? We all know plastic is bad for the environment. It's produced from fossil fuels, threatens wildlife and after breaking up can end up in the food chain. We all take our own bags for shopping now but if you do have plastic carriers to get rid of the smaller charity shops like Daisy Dukes, Tanya's Courage and a Dog's Life would be pleased to have them as would the Foodbank. Remember to refuse plastic bags to reduce your carbon footprint. Coat hangers are also welcomed at these smaller shops. The traditional wooden coat hangers are stronger than the plastic ones and a greener option.

OUR FOODBANK needs tinned tomatoes, long life fruit juice, UHT milk, tins of fruit, tins of soup, jam, cartons of long life custard, tins rice pudding, shower gel, deodorant and toilet rolls.

If you have a mobile phone you can download the BANKTHEFOOD app and it will let you know the top 5 shortages when you shop in a participating supermarket. Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

PRAYER FOCUS: Last Friday our thoughts and prayers centred on **Taiwan** as we joined Christians worldwide for the World Day of Prayer. We continue to pray for the people who live on this island and for their government, and for greater Christian unity both locally and globally
We also pray for everyone living or working in **Woodland Road, Woodland Close** and **Margaret Avenue**

PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY As you know, each week we pray for those who live or work in different streets around the town. We shall be continuing to do this in future – but, starting next week, we shall also be letting the people who live in these streets know in advance that this is what we are going to do and inviting them to send us their prayer requests. We shall also be including the houses in the newer estate off Porthpean Road in our prayer journey.

PUZZLE: Last week's: In 1990, a person is 15 years old. In 1995, that same person is 10 years old. How can this be? **Answer:** They were born in 2005BC. **This week's:** I have seas without water, coasts without sand, towns without people and mountains without land. What am I?

QUOTE: Even after a bad harvest there must be sowing. - *Lucius Anneus Seneca*

AND FINALLY: After the service Tom was looking for something in his wallet when Rev Smith noticed his organ donor card. The minister smiled and said, "How wonderful, our church could do with a new one!"