

Telford Methodist Circuit Newsletter

9th January 2025

The Bible makes confident claims that God can heal people.

And yet, we regularly pray for people who are unwell, and nothing seems to happen. This sort of paradox can give us what psychologists call cognitive dissonance: that unpleasant feeling when we believe mutually incompatible things.

People naturally want to reduce this discomfort. One way to do this is to oversimplify and ignore one side and push into the other: 'God always heals if we pray,' or, 'there's no point praying for healing.'

Another strategy is to avoid praying. Either way, our prayerful connection to God suffers.

But just as our friends don't always communicate as we expect (or want!), God always responds to prayers for healing, but it might not look like what we expect.

God will restore all things, but not necessarily now.

Healing is not the same as curing.

God might reply in a very different way, including reminding us that praying for a cure isn't always the right thing to do.

But our prayers are always heard.

Watch the video on Praying for Healing from the [Sunshine and Showers prayer course](#).

[Prayer and Healing - The Methodist Church](#)



**Congratulations to Robin and Margaret Reynolds
on your 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary on
9th January 2025.**



Robin and Margaret Reynolds 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary – Written by Margaret Reynolds

On a cold grey day, with the snow having just melted, we were married at The Baptist Church, Tonbridge, Kent, on 9th January 1965. This was the first wedding in the church for some time.

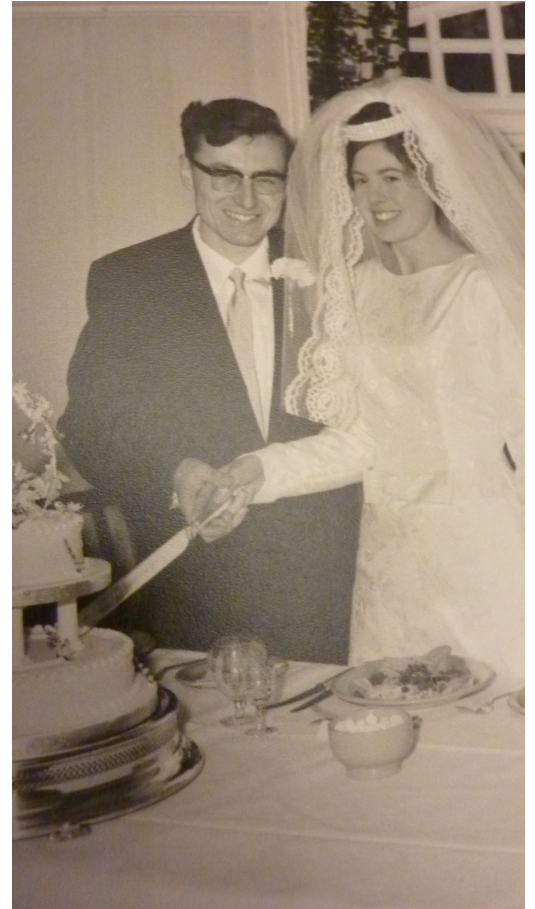
An ex-patient from St Georges Hospital, London, where I had trained as a nurse, had a bridal shop, and willingly helped me to choose my wedding dress from her display. An aunt made the Bridesmaids' dresses for my sister and cousin, two more aunts lent the Bridesmaids capes to keep out the cold on their way to the church, while a number of people in the church made sure all was in order for the wedding. Robin chose my cousin Graham, who he had known for a long time, as Best Man.

In leaving home in the car with my father, I reflected on the number of people who had helped to make this a special day; one to remember, that the promises made would be for a lifetime.

It was a happy day, with many relatives and friends attending the wedding, including a number of friends who had trained with me at St George's. The service was taken by Rev David Luce. The Church organist was Leon Young, who was a talented musician. He arranged and played the accompaniment to the popular, 'Stranger on the Shore'.

The reception was at the same place as my parents had theirs in Tonbridge in January 1940 during World War Two. It brought back happy memories for them as well.

Married life initially started in London for a short time, before moving to Northamptonshire. Church membership was transferred to the Baptist Church where Graham's father was minister.





Subsequent moves involved each continuing in our respective roles in using our professional and academic studies, the latter in Robin's case, being a student at London University. His role as a pharmacist continued, both in hospitals and the community, as a teacher and Prescribing Advisor. I held posts in hospitals, community, Health Visiting, teaching, and safeguarding in hospitals and community, and a substantial contribution to a Health Visiting textbook published nationally. The most important role for both of us was that of caring for our children.

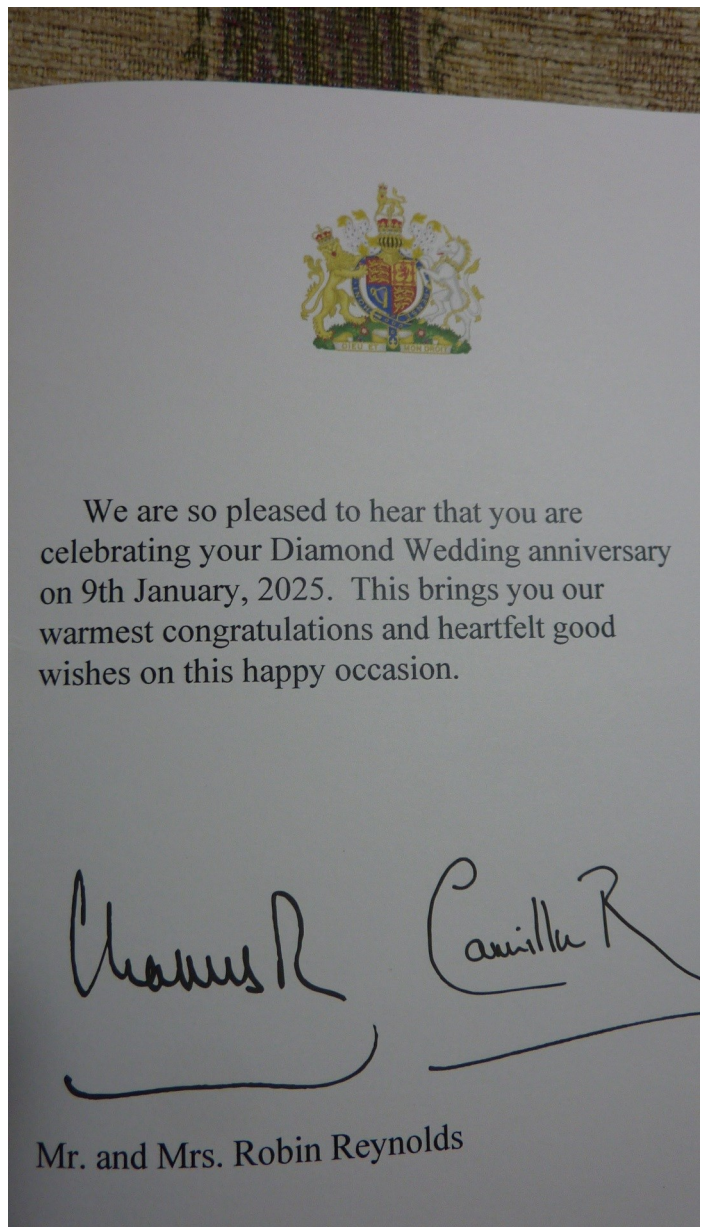
Time has passed; time to slow down, time to be thankful, and time to remember the

promises we made at our wedding.

Robin and Margaret have received a card from King Charles and Queen Camilla which they received in good time for their big day. They have kindly shared this with us.

The Circuit passes on our love to them both and thanks them for sharing their 60th Wedding Anniversary with us, as they look back and celebrate their love, the dreams that have come true, and all the memories they've created. Happy Anniversary to you both.

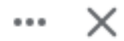
May God bless you with many more to come.





Horsehay Methodist Chapel

16h · 🌐



Some of you may have heard that Mick Price, a faithful life-long Methodist, passed away in the early hours of Monday 16th December, aged 95. Mick was a true gentleman, who worshipped at the Methodist Chapel in Spring Village until it closed, and then moved to Morton Coppice, now Horsehay Methodist Church. He played the organ for many years, and led the Sunday School anniversaries, as well as singing in the choir and being a very active Church member up until the last few years.

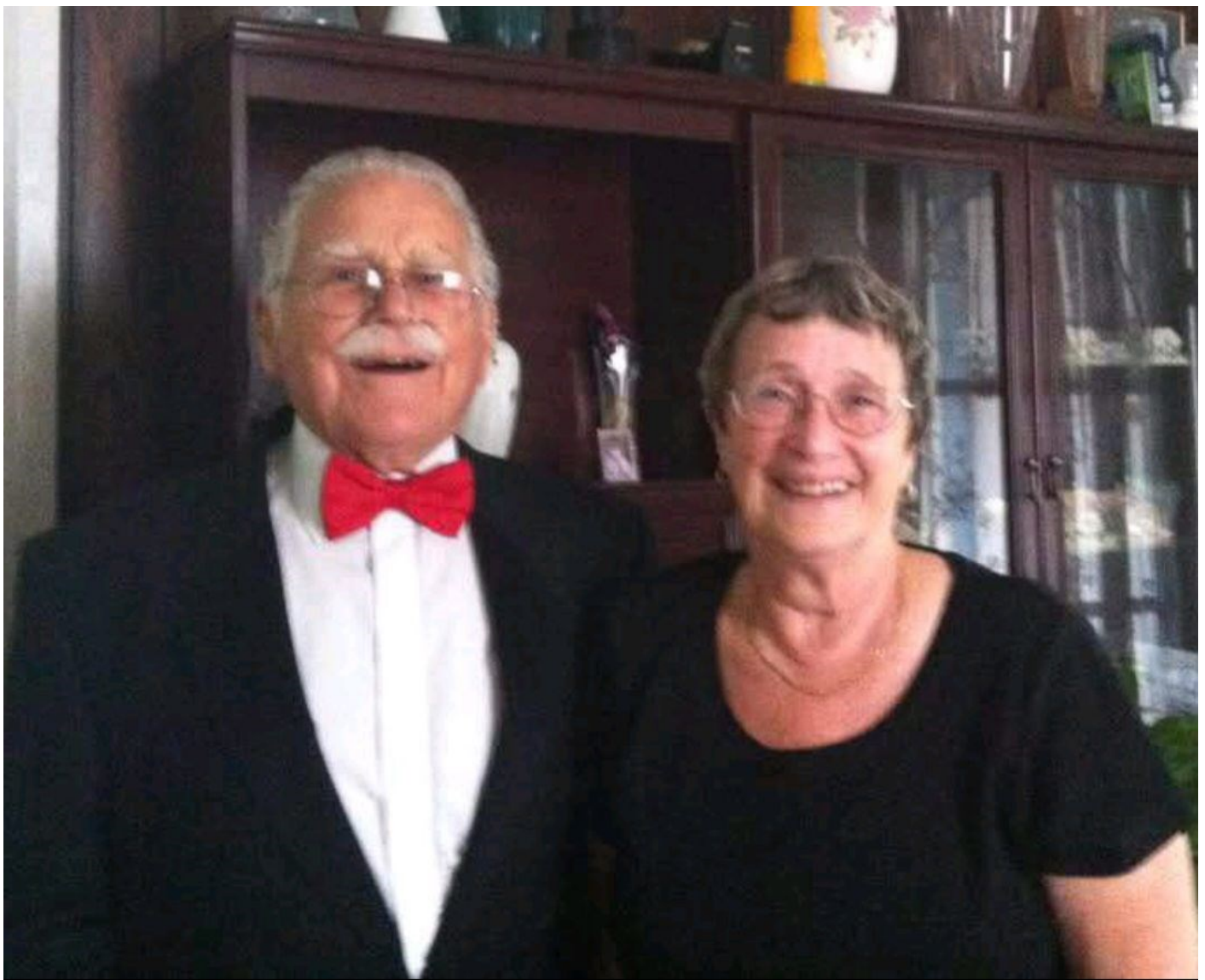
Mick will be missed by the many, many people whose lives he touched over the years, as well as his family and friends. We especially hold his daughters, grandchildren and partner in prayer, and give thanks for this extraordinary life 🙏

The funeral will be held on Friday 10.01.2025 at 13.30 at Horsehay Methodist Church.

No flowers. Donations to be split between 3 charities that he chose.

Cremation at Telford Crematorium and

Refreshments at Dawley British Legion .




How are you feeling right now?

We're trying a new approach to helping people find the words to say based on how they're feeling.

We'll be adding more content here soon, but we'd love to know what you'd like to appear here. Let us know by [getting in touch](#).


If you would like to write content for this resource, please [get in touch](#).



Anxious

Anxiety can be like a background noise in our lives, eroding our sense of peace. At times it can rise up like a wave that threatens to overwhelm us.

[Read more](#)



Grieving

Grief and loss are woven through all our lives. It is an inevitable part of loving that we grieve when those we love are gone.


[Read more](#)



Disappointed in life

Sometimes when we look at our lives, it is hard not to despair at our failures.

[Read more](#)



Grateful

When good things happen to us, we feel happy, joyful even. But these feelings do not last. Developing gratitude can release and transform us.


[Read more](#)



Lacking in creativity

Being creative is both thrilling and a bit scary. It's one of the ways we feel closest to God.

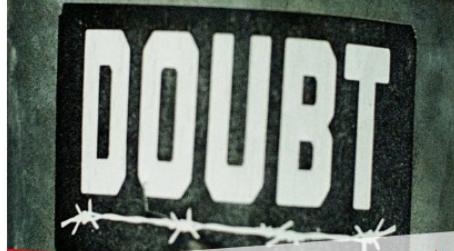
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Angry

We all get angry sometimes and that is ok. It is a natural human emotion. But what motivates us to get angry?


[Read more](#)



Full of doubt

It is natural to have times of doubt in our lives. In a world full of misinformation, it is okay to want proof that something is real, or true.


[Read more](#)



Seeking hope

The Shawshank Redemption regularly features in the lists of the best films of all time. Perhaps it is because of its powerful portrayal of hope.

[Read more](#)



Lonely

You may be home alone. You may be in the middle of a crowd. Loneliness isn't a state of being but a state of mind.

[Read more](#)



Telford Methodists
Circuit project with
Ajumako Osedzi

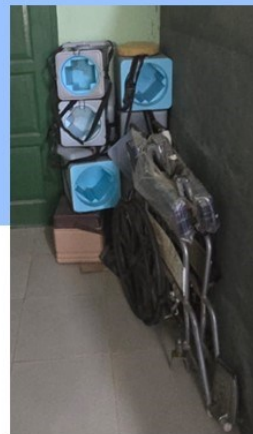


Community Health Centre January Update

What is needed:

- Hospital beds - A sink for the delivery room
- A wheelchair - A larger fridge/freezer
- Chairs for the nurses
- Delivery equipment

Total cost: £3500—£4000
(depending on exchange rates)



GOOD NEWS: We are over half way!
Thank you for raising over £2100 so far... let's keep going!

Please consider what **you** can do
to support this project.

Can **every church** in the circuit contribute?

Together we can make a real difference!

Trinity Church Newport



Rev. Adrian Burdon will be Leading
sessions of “Conversation afternoons“ at

Trinity on the following dates

Monday 6th / 13th / 20th/ 27th

January and Monday 3rd February

At 2pm

Title: Christmas to Candlemas—

The Songs of the Bible

You are welcome to join us!

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Everyday Welcome

**We will re-open on Monday 13th January
at St Andrew's Church.**

**Wishing all our visitors and volunteers a blessed
and Happy New Year, and looking forward to
providing a warm welcome for everyone in 2025.**

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10:30am - 2:00pm

Tuesdays 10:30-12:30pm

Come and join us for a friendly chat &
refreshments. Delicious light lunches served
from 12 Noon each day except Tuesday.

It's free. Donations welcomed!

Table Top Sale

**Friday January 17th 2025
at Dawley Christian Centre
9:00am - 12:00 noon
Call 01952 505108
to book a table**

£5 per table *Grab a bargain!*



HeartSpace on Sundays 10:30am

Upcoming dates:
Sunday 19th January
Sunday 16th February
Sunday 16th March

Do come along!

Relaxed contemporary worship
at the Trinity Centre, Victoria Road,
Shifnal



All you keen or would be bakers please
Join us for Bread Church at
Dawley Christian Centre
On Saturday 25th January 2025
9:30-1:30pm (with a light lunch)
Wednesday 29th January 2025
between 1-3pm
ALL ARE WELCOME



Everything will be ready for you to make your
own bread and it's FREE!
Please come along and give it a go.



THE FILLING STATION

Haughmond & Wrekin

27 January 2025

7:15pm for 7:30pm - 9pm



Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station,
Rodington Village Hall, Shrewsbury,
SY4 4QS. 7:30 - 9pm, every 4th Monday.

Join us in January for Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station, for worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship & great hospitality!

Future dates

24 Feb • 24 March

Main Speaker

Andy Ackroyd

Andy has recently moved to become the Vicar of Madeley in Telford. He is married to Sandra and has a 19 year old called Jacob who helps at FS.

Andy has many aspirations in life - seeing his team Leeds United back in the Premier League, seeing Yorkshire Cricket win a trophy, but most of all he is passionate about making Jesus known and equipping the church to do the same.



More info at...

www.thefillingstation.org.uk/station/haughmond-wrekin



O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of
the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please soak these people in prayer.

Together we can make a difference!

Derek

Margaret Reynolds who is due to have an operation on 15th January.

Family and friends of Mick Price

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your name, for You live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.



Online Bible Study is on a Monday 1.3pm, Monday 7.00 pm and Wednesday 8.00pm

Enjoy a lively discussion as we explore the work of the Holy Spirit in Acts.

Please contact the Circuit office if you'd like to know more. If you're not sure why not give it a go? All are welcome.

Circuit Prayer Space

Circuit Prayer Space on a Monday morning at 8:30am.

Val Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Circuit Prayer Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96716434790?pwd=RTZZa210Q1ZOWCtLTWk3NHoyWDVlQT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1643 4790

Passcode: 355690

God loves you
unconditionally, no strings attached.
That's the good news.

Prayer for Creation

Loving Creator, we pause to marvel at the splendour of Your creation.

Sky, land, and sea declare Your glory;

Plants, animals, and people reveal Your artistry.

Forgive us for the ways we have harmed this beautiful earth through our neglect and through our greed.

Inspire us to be better caretakers of Your world, sowing seeds of restoration and hope.

As we enter this new year, may we walk gently on the earth, mindful of Your presence in all things.

Teach us to live in harmony with creation, reflecting Your love in every choice we make.

Amen



ECO-Friendly Tips for January

Adopt a "Buy less" Habit: Start the year by buying only what you truly need and, where possible, by choosing eco-friendly products.

Save energy and save money: Look round at Church. Where can you save energy, e.g. by insulating doors and windows and reviewing heating systems for energy efficiency?

If you want to talk about becoming an Eco-Church, please contact Jo jokudlacik@gmail.com

The Methodist Church

We are called to be a growing,
inclusive, evangelistic and
justice-seeking Church

Don't sit at home feeling cold and hungry.

Come and join us at the **Dawley Christian Centre.**

Our Coffee Bar is open between 9-12:30pm from Monday - Thursday as a Warm Space. (We are open Friday mornings as usual for cooked breakfasts.)

Between 11am—12noon we are offering a tasty bowl of soup, with a slice of freshly made toast and a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and **it's all free!**

We can get through this winter together.



**Dawley Christian Centre
High Street
Dawley
Telford TF4 2EX**

**Pop in for a warm
welcome at our**



Cosy Café



Every Monday from

7th October

10.30 to 12.30

Meet friends and chat

Refreshments provided

Admaston Methodist Church,

Bratton Road, Admaston.

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The **Methodist** Church

Telford Circuit

CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Home -based
12 Hours per Week
£7488 (Actual Salary)

We seek a person with ability to lead and instruct on all aspects around Safeguarding at a Circuit Level and to support local churches in exercising their Safeguarding responsibilities.

The post is to commence as soon as possible. Applications will be dealt with as they are received until we find the right person for the role.

For a full application pack
please contact the Circuit Administrator
email: circuitsupport@telfordmeth.org.uk
Telephone: 01952 505108

Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church, Bridgnorth

On the 1st Saturday of each month between 10am –12 midday there is a Coffee Morning at Cartway Methodist Church.

There's going to be a great raffle,.

All are welcome.



Wellington Methodist Church

Are having All Age Drop-in Craft Sessions on the second Saturday of each month.

The sessions are FREE and start at 10am-11:45am.

You are welcome to drop in any time.

Everyone is welcome.



Coffee Mornings at Horsehay

**Every Wednesday:
10.30am - 12.00 noon**

**Join us for tea/coffee,
fellowship and lots of
chat and laughter!**



Ladies' Fellowship at Horsehay **Second Tuesday of each month**

in the vestry @2.30pm

ALL WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

Painting for Pleasure at Horsehay Methodist Church

Informal art groups (no tutor, but lots of chat and helping each other with tips and techniques). Whatever your skill level, if you enjoy drawing and/or painting, why not come and join us? **Thursday and Friday mornings** 10.00 - 12.30. £5.00 per session.

Albrighton Open Door

**Meets on the first
Tuesday of each month
7-30 to 9pm.**

**It is a series of informal
and interesting talks and
activities in a friendly
social setting.**

All are welcome.

Bereavement Cafe

A monthly opportunity to meet and chat with others who have been bereaved, hosted by members of local churches.

Second Monday of each month

2:30-4:00pm

Wellington Methodist Church



Church Activities taking place in

Albrighton Methodist Church on a regular basis:



Monday (2nd and 4th Monday of the month) **Coffee and T4U 10-12** (A quiet coffee morning for people who want a bit of time out it's FREE!)

Open Door - First Tuesday of the Month - 7.30-9pm. The evening has a variety of speakers ranging from singing, talks about wildlife, travel logs, health related talks.....£2

Weekly, **Thursday cafe 10-12**

Friday (2nd and 4th Friday of the month) Sing a long
2-3.30pm (For anyone who likes to sing 'old time'
songs or from the musicals. £2)



Saturday morning 1st Saturday in the month 10-12. with bric-a-brac and bookstall.



NEW!!!! Board Games

Come and join the fun!

**The last Saturday of each month
10am-12noon. This is for all ages.**

£2 per adult, £5 per family.

You are welcome to bring your own game.

We have a **Quiet Corner** open for prayer/quiet reflection when there are church run events, located in the Meeting Room. Gill is available for anyone who wants to chat on a Thursday morning and has planned a 'Food for thought' time for a short while after

All are welcome

