

## Church Diary

	<b>Monday</b>	6pm	NCT Meeting - H. Room
10am	Coffee Drop-in	6:30pm	Worship Group - Church
1:30pm	Tiddlywinks	7:15pm	Guides
3pm	Slimming World - H. Room		
5:45pm	Beavers		<b>Thursday</b>
7pm	Cubs	9am	Weight Watchers - Hall
7pm	District Meeting - Q. Room	11:15am	Linda's Embroiders - Library
7:30pm	J2B - Library	1pm	District Meeting - Q. Room
	<b>Tuesday</b>	2pm	Garden Project Group - H. Room
9am	Slimming World - H. Room	2pm	Thursday Housegroup - P. Room
10am	Prayer Meeting	6pm	Brownies
1:30pm	Baby Massage - H. Room	7:30pm	Men's Fellowship
2pm	Banner Group - Hall		<b>Friday</b>
2pm	Library Housegroup - Library	1:30pm	Chair Aerobics - H. Room
6:15pm	Brownies	4pm	Rainbows
7:30pm	Richardson Singers - Church	5:30pm	Rainbows
	<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm	Scouts
9:30am	Art Studio Group - H. Room	7:15pm	Table Tennis - H. Room
9:30pm	Meeting - Q. Room	<b>Sat: 9-4pm</b>	District Meeting - Church building
2:30pm	Women's Fellowship - Hall	10-12noon	Coffee Morning - Hall
5:45pm	Brownies		Hummersknott Badminton Club

Thank you to Andrew and Anne Cairns for the Church flowers today

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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# ELM RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday, 20th January**

It is my great pleasure to extend my New Year greetings to all of you. God Almighty gives His spiritual guidance to us to follow Jesus as His disciples from the beginning to the end of this year.

Christian Unity prayer week:

As you are aware, the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* takes place from 18th to 25th January every year. This year we are observing this Week of Prayer from 20th to 27th January. *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* began in 1908 internationally by giving focus on prayer for church unity. For more than a century this concern has grown year by year. The theme for this year (2019) is: '*Justice, and only justice*', based on Deuteronomy 16:18-20. The resources highlight issues of economic injustice and how religious pluralism can face challenges in the face of radicalisation.

As has become our local custom during this prayer week, Elm Ridge Methodist Church and All Saints Church, Blackwell, observe the Christian Unity services together. Members of All Saints Church will be joining with us for the evening service today at 6pm when Reverend Brian Holmes will be delivering a message of unity. The service at the end of the Week of Unity will be held at All Saints Church on Sunday 27th January at 6.30pm. when the Rev. Bill Mullally will be delivering a message of unity.

The Methodist Church is giving great importance to Christian Unity and for various joint actions to strengthen our Christian unity in a wider perspective. Therefore, I earnestly request you all to join in the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* services and to give a friendly welcome to our fellow Christians from All Saints Church.

Peace and joy

Solomon Joseph  
Minister



**Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity**

We extend a very warm welcome to those of you who are worshipping with us at Elm Ridge today. The services today are led by:

**10am:** Local Arrangement

**6pm:** Rev. Solomon Joseph / Rev. Brian Holmes

### Rotas for Sunday, 27th January

**Preachers:**

10am: Rev. Bev Hollings

**Organist:**

10am: Andrew Henderson

**Vestry Stewards:**

10am: Mary Everitt / Chris Allen

**Offering Counting:**

Steve Sutcliffe / Ian Souter

**Door Stewards:**

10am: Sandra Daykin / Anne Cairns

**Tea/Coffee:**

Ali Dinsdale / Elizabeth Cooper

## Prayer Line

**Please Pray:**

- The British Government and Parliament collectively. May MPs seek to reach a consensus about the form Brexit should take while balancing their responsibilities as individually elected free-thinking members within the context of the mandate to represent them granted by their constituents;
- The 27 member States, the institutions and representative bodies of the EU which will need to work with Britain to reach and ratify any BREXIT agreement;
- The people who God has ear-marked to join the Alpha Course starting at Northland this evening - that they will be able to get there and be blessed by the experience. May they return home wanting to return to enjoy fellowship, learn more about Christianity and the freely given gift of new life in Jesus;
- The people of Darlington and that the town will become economically more prosperous and the rates of poverty in the most disadvantaged wards decrease;
- The increasing numbers of people in our congregation who are frail and/or feeling unwell due to old age. Pray for those in the Church with special responsibility for ministering to them - Sue Colley (our Pastoral Secretary) and the team of Pastoral Visitors, the Rev. Solomon Joseph; Lyn Cookson and Chris Russell (the Circuit's Pastoral Missioners).

If you have a concern that you would like to share with others for prayer, please contact the Church Office, Sue Colley (356876), or one of the Stewards.

*Pray* WITHOUT  
CEASING

**Men's Fellowship:** This week's meeting is entitled '193 years too late' and will be presented by Tony Allen. Please come along and join us.

**Women's Fellowship:** This week's meeting takes the form of a 'Quiz Afternoon' - please come along and join the fun.

### Journey to Bethlehem

A follow up meeting has been arranged for Monday evening, 21st January, at 7.30pm in the Library to discuss the way forward, and anyone who would like to be part of this exciting project is very welcome – not only those already involved, but anyone who would like to learn more.

### Grounds Project

If you haven't heard about or had an opportunity to have your say about the proposed Ground Project here in the Elm Ridge Gardens, please pick up a survey form or see John Wearmouth for more information.

**Flower Dates:** If you would like to donate flowers for the Church and don't already, we have 3 spare dates that you could choose; 10th March, 30th June and 21st July. If you could help by filling these dates, please see Anne Cairns.

**Bondgate:** Refreshments are available every Monday Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-11.30m. There are a variety of coffees and teas, scones and biscuits on offer.

God never said that the journey would be easy.  
but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile!