

### **Ashford Common Methodist Church**



Christ Church Feltham

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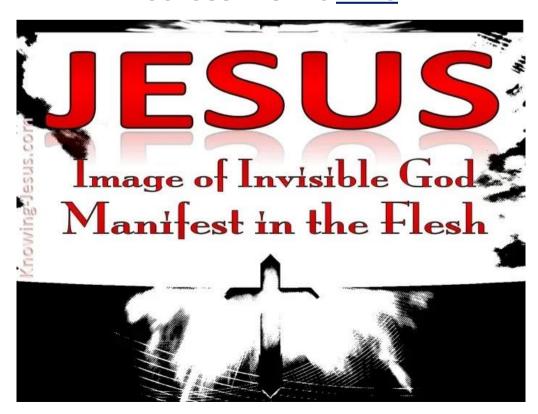
Seasons Greetings. May the blessing of the incarnate Christ child, his Love, peace, joy and favour be yours and mine, and all whom we love this Christmas season and the new year 2024. I pray God's blessing upon all our Christmas programs, the carols, Christmas get togethers, etc that it will be a vehicle to new found faith for our occasional visitors. I am pleased to have graduated also as fully fledged hospital

chaplain on the 8th of November. A post graduate certificate honours in chaplaincy. Special thanks goes to everyone in our churches, for your tireless pursuit of Christ and his service all through 2023. May God richly bless us all as we look forward to the new year 2024.

#### **Visible**

[Now] He(JESUS) is the exact likeness of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible]; He is the Firstborn of all creation.

COLOSSIANS 1:15 AMPC



Remember this, baby Jesus "is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible God], the firstborn [the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator] of all creation. In other words, Paul writing to the church in Colossians argues that

Jesus Christ is God.

Jesus Christ is the creator of all things

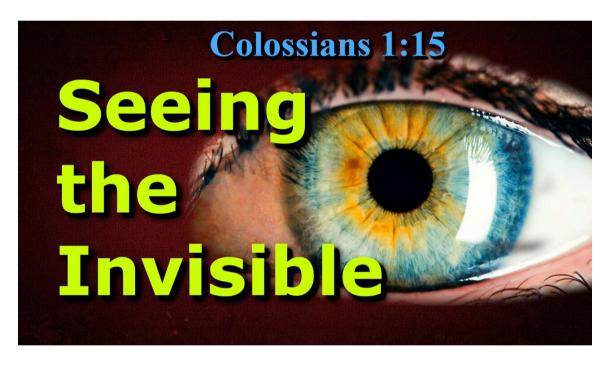
Jesus Christ is the Sustainer of all things

Jesus Christ is the head of the church

Jesus Christ is the reconciler of all things

Jesus Christ is the Supreme Lord

Jesus Christ is the Sufficient Saviour



"In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word was God**." - Jesus (the Word), is God the Son. "He was in the beginning with God." - God the Son did not have a beginning. He was not created, but with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, was from everlasting to everlasting.

"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being." - Jesus created everything and in Him everything holds together.

The Lord Jesus in His humanity is the visible revelation of the invisible God. This is a great mystery, but it is a truth that has been given to us from the Creator of the universe. The only way for sinful humanity to be reconciled to a holy God is through the shed blood of the eternal Son of God, Who died to pay the price for our sins so that we might be covered with His righteousness and reconciled back to the Father.

#### **My Prayer**

Thank You, Father, that You sent Your only begotten Son into the world, which He made, to become one of us so that we might be reconciled back to Yourself and become children of God and joint-heirs with Christ, Who is the firstborn over all creation and before Whom we bow in reverend worship and praise forever and ever, AMEN.

#### Kofi's Postgraduate honours in chaplaincy

I am please to have graduated as a fully fledged hospital chaplain on the 8th of November. A post graduate honours in chaplaincy. Many thanks to South East Methodist District, the Staines and Feltham circuit for assisting me through the course financially. Special thanks goes Rev Andrew Reed, our Superintendent minister, our circuit stewards and for their support. Very much appreciated.







#### From the District Chair: The Revd. Dr. David Hinchliffe

#### **Advent and Christmas Letter 2023**

Dear friends,
I wonder how good you are at waiting...

Last year I had two visits to A&E in 48 hours. I discovered that the waiting time in the first hospital was approximately 7 hours. I was seen in ten minutes! However, when I was referred on to see a consultant I had to wait 7 months for an appointment. After tests, a procedure was recommended, and when I asked how long it would take (I actually meant how long the procedure would take), I was told six to twelve months! The consultant, thought I meant the waiting time! And so, I prepared to wait, for what I fully anticipated would be at least a year.

Then, exactly a month later, I received a phone call, asking if I would be come into hospital next week for the procedure. And my life was turned upside down, especially as I was due to go to the Methodist Conference at that precise time. It was, as someone wryly put it, the most spectacular excuse for getting out of attending the Methodist Conference they had ever heard! All of a sudden, I had to mentally do a handbrake turn: from waiting, to coming to terms with going into hospital within a week. I was — and am - amazingly thankful to be dealt with so swiftly.

We are about to enter the season of Advent - a season of enforced waiting: waiting for the Messiah to be born. It's a pattern we follow every year, and celebrate every year. But have you ever thought how truly extraordinary and mind-blowing this really is?

Look at it from Israel's perspective at the time of Jesus' birth. They had been in exile in Babylon for many long years, then returned home, only to be occupied by the Romans. Who would set them free now? They had to wait. Wait. Yet when the Saviour came, when the waiting was over, it was almost incomprehensible. Where was the mighty

warrior to thrown out the Romans? How could a child, born in a stable in Bethlehem, to an ordinary couple, be the answer?

Sometimes we can be so used to waiting that it becomes so normal that we stop expecting anything to happen. And then it happens! A phone call from the hospital out of the blue. Or, more importantly, the birth of a baby called Jesus. So unexpected, yet life-changing, and world changing.

The season of Advent, of course, is not *only* about waiting for Christmas morning. In Advent we wait for the day when Jesus will return again. Are we ready?

I am reminded of the African-American spiritual, "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning" based on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins of Matthew 25. 1-13. It challenges us to be alert and ready for the day when the waiting is over; the day when Jesus is born among us; the day, when Jesus will return again. So in the brokenness of our world, not least in the Holy Land, in this season of waiting when we long for the transformation of the world, may God bless us — and make us ready for that day when the waiting is over. Or in the words of the spiritual:

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

#### Refrain:

Children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

2 Darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

- 3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]
- 4 Christian, journey soon be over, christian, journey soon be over, christian, journey soon be over, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]
- 5 Keep your lamps trimmed an burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh. [Refrain]

So keep your lamps trimmed and burning! The time is drawing nigh! May Christ be with you this Christmas time and always. The waiting will not last for ever.

David

\* Inspire \* Enable \* Encourage



#### **Ashford Common Methodist Church**

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December we remember those celebrating birthdays, including

Alana Duguid, Sheila Marsden, Christian Hole and Ben Foley. Good wishes are extended to Doreen Mellish, Hannah Camis, Max Hole and Morgan Hina who have birthdays in January. Through the network of global relationships in the Methodist Church, the World Mission Fund (WMF) supports 107 partner churches and organisations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific in their mission and ministry to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. They do this through evangelism, mission work, schools, hospitals, environmental projects, emergency situations, administration, training and much more.

The work is supported by friends at Ashford Common who collect for JMA. The success of this work was marked in our morning service on 15<sup>th</sup> October which was led by Rev Andrew Reed. Awards and certificates were presented in gratitude for the work of our collectors and givers.

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and at Ashford Common this will be marked on the first Sunday of Advent with a Family & Parade Gift Service at 10:30 in aid of Action for Children – Carol McKenner will be the Preacher.

We'll be supporting the Circuit Service at 18:30 on 3<sup>rd</sup> December taking place at the United Church of Egham. If you need a lift to join this, please let us know.

The Chairman of the South East District of The Methodist Church will be joining us again on the third Sunday of Advent (17<sup>th</sup> December) at 10:30.

Carol is the theme for the fourth Sunday of Advent (24<sup>th</sup> December). On Christmas Eve Carol McKenner will lead two services for us on this day, at 10:30 and also the Carol Service at 16:00.

New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year and services will take place as normal. An Own Arrangement is planned for 10:30 and Rev Reed will join us at 18:30.



There are a few occasions in the year when the whole Company comes together. Our Enrolment Service takes place on the closest Monday to the day the BB was



founded, 4th October.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October was the date this year when boys and their families came together at the Church.

An outing followed the Enrolement service with Company Section boys invited to Coral Reef Waterworld in Bracknell, the cost of the trip was supported by a grant from local Councillor Harry Boparai.





Taking part each year in the Remembrance Sunday parade in Ashford is a real privilege, all the more so since the organisers recognise the Boys' Brigade as the senior uniformed youth movement, and so

invites us to take a place at the head of the parade.







While we were standing in silence at the memorial in Ashford, poppies crafted by the Company Section had been used to decorate the Church.

#### From the Circuit Office & Beyond

**Dear Friends** 

I realise that summer is now but a distant memory for most of us as we rush headlong towards Advent and Christmas. However, summer was quite a busy time for us here in the Staines and Feltham Circuit. In these letters I often write about the building work that takes place in our Churches and Manses and when things happen



in our premises it is normally very obvious, but there are other tasks that need to be done that take place behind the scenes which are just as important. Over the summer we had to spend some time looking at the finances of the Circuit. I am very grateful for the work of the Treasurers around the Circuit who take care of the financial side of things. Each Church has a Treasurer appointed by the Church Council each year and these people keep tabs on money that is paid in and

money that is paid out. You might think that this is quite straightforward, but there is no doubt that the task has become more complicated over the years. Treasurers now need to be able to manage not just payments in the offering, but envelope schemes, standing orders and electronic payments. Online banking has been introduced in some Churches which presents other interesting challenges. Also, as bank branches close, other methods for paying money in to Church accounts also need to be put in place. I am impressed by the way that our Treasurers have adjusted their procedures in order to comply with the regulations and rules that govern banking and at the same continue to ensure that individuals and organisations receive payment in good time.

Actually this is only part of the story because we also have a Circuit Account which looks after money that each Church contributes to running the Circuit. The Circuit Stewards are responsible for looking after this account and they work closely with the Treasurers from each of the local Churches. It was over the summer that Circuits Stewards and others met together to go through the accounts in order to prepare the budget for the next year which runs from September to August. This can make life quite complicated when we have links with other Denominations who work on a financial year that runs from April to March, but that is another story. We now have a smaller group who meet to process the figures prior to presenting them to the Treasurers for their consideration. Once this has taken place, the figures can be passed on to the Circuit for their approval at the appropriate time.

I would like to express my thanks to all those around the Circuit who give of their time and skills to ensure that we keep our accounts in order. You might be interested to look on the Charity Commission Website to see the latest version of the accounts and to find out something more of the work of the Staines and Feltham Circuit.

https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/results/page/1/delta/20/keywords/Staines+and+Feltham+Methodist+Circuit

God bless.

Andrew



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Wednesday Morning
at Edinburgh Drive run by
Kingdom Living Church
9.30 am – 12 noon,
EVERY Wednesday



We were lucky enough to have a visit and talk from the sewing bee (Quilters)

The group have been together for over 15 years and usually meet at St Hilda's church in Ashford on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month between 10-12 am.

The quilts were amazing, all hand crafted and many of them were made from off cuts of materials and recycled fabric.

All are welcome to attend their meetings at the above venue. As well as bed spreads the group have made quilts to help with fund raising for many charities including Shooting stars, one particular member Margaret has been making individual quilts for the premature babies at St Peters hospital.

Barbara dedicated herself for 8 years to complete her quilt, and parts of it went with her on her 4 trips to Australia! what dedication!

The ladies were all enthusiastic and willing to explain the names of each of the panels which then get sewn together and backed, they generously passed on their donation to Desmond's Isheri fund, we would all like to express our thanks for their attendance and for bringing their quilts with them.





Sandra Davis

Advent Bible Study on Zoom
Sheila Hassan will be leading our Advent Bible Study course
on Tuesdays from 19:30-21:00.
We will be following this year's
Methodist Church Advent Worship Programme:



The 5 sessions will be on
Tuesdays 21st & 28th November and 5th, 12th & 19th December,
but it's not essential to be at every session.
To sign up, please e-mail Sheila on Sheila\_peter2002@yahoo.co.uk

# Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22 v.6

It was my great privilege recently to share my story and some words of encouragement with the wonderful congregation that meets at Southville Methodist Church. This for me, carried a great sense of homecoming and nostalgia since this was the church that I had attended as a little boy, growing up in Sunday School and being a part of First Feltham Boy Brigade (I still have the belt to prove it but it goes nowhere near around my waist anymore).



My name is Nick Hughes and today I have the honour of fulfilling my call to ministry by pastoring a thriving congregation in Lewisham, Southeast London. Yet in so many ways, the genesis of that call was cradled in the faithful ministry and Bible teaching at Sunday School in Southville, attending the annual gatherings at Westminster Central Hall (where I landed on my favourite hymn being 'Oh For a Thousand Tongues),

and being a part of BB. I will forever be grateful for the guidance and spiritual input I received in those formative years.

I also attended Sunday School at a thriving Pentecostal church in Hounslow on Sunday afternoons, so keeping Sundays as a Sabbath that was 'really' Holy, was not an option I could avoid. Truth be told, I loved going to church – for the friendships and activities in my early years, but then, as I grew in my spiritual awareness, for the connection it forged with God in me.

People have asked when you received your 'calling' to the ministry. To be honest, I think I always knew that God had placed his call on my life. There are many scriptures that I can point to as confirmations, encouragements and affirmations of that call, but from a tender age, I knew that I wanted to serve God with my whole life and to help people.

Nick Hughes.



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Happy Birthday Rene and Emma in January

#### **SOUTHVILLE NEWS:**

Mr John Howliston celebrated his 90th birthday in November and it was lovely to see him lay the wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of Southville.

The funeral of Mrs Jean Wickes was held on Thursday 16th November at the South West Middlesex Crematorium. Jean served Southville for some fifty years during which time she shared her catering skills and desire to look after people were put to good use and greatly appreciated by all. Jean was always ready to help out in whatever way was needed.

Like all Churches we will be entering a busy period in the run up to Christmas for us at Southville this includes:

School visits from Southville Primary School Year 1 children coming in the week beginning 11th December followed by three visits by Cardinal Road Year 1 classes on 15th, 18th and 19th December. We feel blessed and privileged to be able to share the Christmas message with some 180 children and their teachers again this year.

**Christmas Eve** we will be holding an All Age Family Service at 10.30 led by Rev. Julie Underwood followed by refreshments and fellowship. It is hoped that our Brick Church Families will be able to join with us in our time of celebration and worship.



We have held our first two sessions of Brick Church and are pleased to say that both children and parents are reluctant to hurry off home at the end. We have been amazed by the creativity displayed in their 'modelling' of the bible stories told. Also the fact that the children can remember what we learnt the previous month made us wonder how many of us can honestly say that we can recall sermons a month later! We looked at creation in October followed by Adam and Eve and the Forbidden Fruit in November and are looking forward to December's session when we will be hearing about The Great Flood.

# Tuesday Afternoon Leisure Club

On Tuesday 14th November, we opened up our monthly meeting to anyone interested in a talk given by Jane and Tony Fredjohn on "Food through the ages". We were fortunate that Jonathan Grifflths kindly agreed to come and work the overhead projector for us. After a very interesting talk we all tucked in to tea /coffee and delicious cakes provided by Marilyn Woodley. Thanks to

everyone who made this such a happy occasion.

For further information please contact Robina Howliston 020 3674 8479

#### Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem

At the beginning of this year I applied for, and was appointed as, the Methodist Liaison Officer in Jerusalem. The Methodist Liaison Office is situated in St. George's College in East Jerusalem and is a joint venture between the United Methodist Church (USA), the World Methodist Council and the Methodist Church in Britain. The team consists of 3 members of staff, an office manager, one American minister and myself as the British minister.

The office aims to work with local Palestinian communities including local Christians, any organisation that works for Human Rights in the region, local projects (including a School, a Hospital, a Home for people with Disabilities and a Mediation Centre) as well as ecumenically in particular with the Church of Scotland. Another role we have is with Methodists who are visiting the Holy Land on Pilgrimage helping groups not just visit the historical stones of the religious sites but also visit the living stones of the Christian communities in the region.

After being appointed to the role there was a lot of preparation to undertake. I needed to apply for a special Clergy Visa from Israel that allowed me to live and carry out my role in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This was a lengthy process that took 6 months. Personally I had to prepare myself mentally, physically and spiritually for the role and for living in a new country and culture. A timely sabbatical allowed me time to train, read, journal and generally prepare for the shift from living in the UK to living in a land that in part is under occupation.

Preparation for living and working in Israel and Palestine meant reading a lot of history, training in how to keep myself safe in a region where there is always a threat of violence and preparing myself for moving overseas and ensuring I understood things like culture shock and homesickness and had strategies in place to try and counter them!

I flew out on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> and started my role (like a good Methodist) on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. The first 6 weeks were a steep learning curve and many times I realized that things I took for granted in the UK became time consuming parts of my day! For example the first time I got my hair cut

the barber told me he couldn't understand my English, American English yes, but not mine! In reality the transition went smoothly, Palestinians are a warm, generous and hospitable people and I was made to feel very welcome.

I was regularly reminded of the privilege my role afforded me even on the shortest of journeys I would travel past religious landmarks! In reality, it wasn't the religious sites that inspired me as much as the poignant realization that I walked where God in Jesus had walked.

Yet alongside this you are constantly reminded of the apparatus of occupation, large and visible army presence, checkpoints, regular documentation checks, road closures, civilian Israeli settlers carrying automatic weapons and the Illegal Settlements that dominate from their mountain tops.

Queuing at a checkpoint I would listen for the divine whisper from millennia past and try to discern what the Prince of Peace would say, having been a citizen under the Roman occupation, about the current oppression.

By the first weekend in October I was beginning to feel like I was settling in. I was driving on the wrong side of the road, starting to learn Arabic, learning my way round and beginning to get to know people. My apprehension about living in a foreign country by myself had all but disappeared.

I was due to be in Jerusalem for a meeting on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, I woke early and was having a leisurely coffee before setting off when I heard a siren. I assumed that this was an ambulance until I realised that the sound was not moving, and I understood it was an air-raid siren. At this point I did not know what was happening, where the siren was coming from, who was attacking who. Then came the explosions.

As soon as they had finished, I went on my phone to find out what was happening, and I saw the unfolding of the horrific Hamas attack.

I travelled back to the UK at the end of that week. Unable to get a flight from Tel Aviv, I headed north and crossed into Jordan via the

Sheikh Hussein Bridge and then south in Jordan to Amman where I caught a flight.

It has been very hard to be back in the UK and watching the Israeli response. I visited Gaza in 2022 and I know people in the West Bank who have relatives there. I have stood in some of the places that have been bombed, I know some of the families who have lost loved ones.

We are continuing to do what we can as the Methodist Liaison Office, keeping in touch with projects and people and starting a weekly global prayer meeting for justice and peace. At these weekly meetings we ask people to share about the situation and how it's touching them and their community. We have heard from Zoughbi Zoughbi director of Wi'am a Palestinian Mediation Centre and how in Bethlehem 70% of people have lost jobs. We have heard from Revd Sally Azar a Palestinian Lutheran pastor and the consequence on local Christians. We will be hearing from Rabbi Nava Hefetz and the work she does with Rabbi for Human Rights and Mr Khader Saba who is Principal at Hope School and the issues he faces in providing education during this conflict.

My role, while I am back in the UK, has become an advocacy role within the Methodist Church, travelling round the Connexion, physically and virtually, to help us as a church to think, pray and act more deeply about the unholy situation in the land we call holy.

#### David Hardman

If anyone would like to join the weekly prayers please email office@mlojerusalem.org and you will receive a link.

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THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
		Evening Worship	18:30

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TUESDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Feltham History Group	19:45
WEDNESDAY	Weekly Term Time	Stay and Play	10:00
	Weekly	The Furnace - worship together and pray for Feltham	19:45
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids Groups	Door Open 10:00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Community Lunch	After Church
		everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	Arter Charch

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TUESDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	TALC (Tuesday Adult Leisure Club)	14:00 – 16:00
SATURDAY	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brick Church	10:00 - 11:30
		Revival & Prophetic Prayer Service	09:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Prayer and Praise	10:00
		Morning Worship	10:30

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MONDAY	Weekly	Drop-in	10:00-12:00	
	Fortnightly	Bible study on Zoom	20:00	Soo Wookhy
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Holy Communion	10:00	See Weekly Notices for
THURSDAY	Monthly	WOT (Women on Thursdays)	14:00-16:00	Details
SUNDAY	Weekly	Parish Communion in church	09:45	Details
	Monthly	Morning prayer on Zoom	09:30	

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MONDAY	Clarendon Rd	Weekly Term Time	Rainbows (Aged 5 – 7)	16:30 - 17:30
			Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30
			Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Zoom	Alternate weeks	Bible Study	20:00
	Clarendon Rd	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (Not at Church)	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
WEDNESDAY	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Coffee Morning (KLC)	09:30 -12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Wednesday of	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
		month		13.30 17.30
THURSDAY	Zoom	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Fellowship	14:30
	Clarendon Rd	Last Thursday of	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
		month		13.30 - 17.30
SUNDAY	Clarendon Rd	All except last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Sunday	Morning Morship	10:00



# For the families and friends of those that have passed away since the last publication:

Dee Franci, Rose Mayger, Alice Webster, Jean Wicks,

If there are people in communities that you would add to this list please give these to your church contact to pass on for the next edition!

For Andrew & Pat Reed as they **celebrate the arrival** of their 8<sup>th</sup> Grandchild, Casper Garfield Reed who was born on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. He weighted 10lbs 8 oz son of Luke and Kayleigh. He is the little brother of Clementine.

#### All those involved in holiday activities & outreach work:

Christmas activities.

Youth Organisations (Scouting, Guiding, Boy Brigade)

Church Groups (Messy Church, Brick Church, Prayer Groups)

## All those that work in the following areas during what can be a busy time in:

in and study in our educational establishments with the young and old in our communities.

our Emergency Services

Hospitals, Community Health & Social Care and mental health services

#### The South East Methodist District Team:

Rev David Hinchliffe – District Chair

Rev Sam Funnell – Western Area Assistant District Chair

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