

Services for November

- 5th 10.00am Rev Keith Edwards
Holy Communion
Junior Church
- 12th 10.00am Rev Helen Kirk
Remembrance Sunday
- 12th 6.00pm Joint Service at the Baptist
Church
- 19th 10.00am Revd Rose Williams
Junior Church
- 26th 10.00am Mr Peter Honeyball
Café Church



Tea and coffee are served after the morning service. Please join us in the Hall.

Princes Risborough

Methodist Church

'The Messenger'
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*This magazine comes to you with the
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**Material for the December/January Messenger to our
 guest Editor**

by Sunday 12th November at the latest please.

**Please note the next Messenger will be edited by Neville Trout
 and will be a 2-month edition**

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 Risborough' associated with The Baptist Church, Elim Church,
 St. Dunstan's Church, St. Mary's Church and St. Teresa's Roman
 Catholic Church.***

Rotas for November

	Duty Stewards	Welcoming Stewards	Bible Readers	Tea/coffee
5 th	Mr M Pullen	Mrs M Stevens Mrs B Oates	Mrs M Stevens Mr M Pullen	Mr J Needham
12 th am	Mrs M Judd	Mrs F Sheppard Mr J Needham	Mrs F Sheppard Mr J Needham	Mrs B Oates
12 th pm			Miss M Dore	
19 th	Mrs C Palmer	Mr & Mrs D Robbins	Mr & Mrs D Robbins	Miss P Scott
26 th	Miss M Dore	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mrs M Stevens

Weekend	Flowers	Grass Cutting	Cleaning
4/5	Mrs C Palmer	Mr B McCleery	Mrs S Wilson
11/12	Tuesday Fellowship	Mr J Needham	Miss Pam Scott
18/19	Mrs W Carter	Mr B Palmer	Mrs C Palmer
25/26	Mrs M Laflin	Mr K Smith	Miss M Dore



If unavailable, please arrange an exchange or replacement, notify the steward, and amend the porch and vestry lists. If you would like to be involved as a welcoming steward or Bible reader, or any other rota please speak to Joe Needham (01844 343246), or one of the Stewards.

Those who kindly provide flowers please leave the wrappings in the vestry so that the stewards have something to wrap them in when they distribute them after the service. We could always do with more than is provided so if anyone has any suitable paper please leave that in the vestry or the vase cupboard.

Diary Dates for November

2 nd November	Christian Aid Lunch
2 nd November	SALT
5 th November	Fairtrade stall
6 th November	Silent Prayers, St Dunstan's
10 th November	Breakout
12th November	Messenger Deadline
16 th November	SALT
19 th November	Princes Risborough Music Society Concert
19 th November	Later
21 st November	Tuesday Fellowship
23 rd November	Christian Aid Coffee Morning
23 rd November	Princes Centre AGM
24 th – 26 th November	Town Farm Art Show, Cheddington
24 th November	Breakout
25 th November	Advent Craft Fair
26 th November	Tree of Light Service
30 th November	SALT

Future Dates

3 rd December	CTR Advent Service
19 th December	PRMS Carol Concert

Weekly Church Notices: Please contact Mrs Maureen Judd by telephone (01844 344935) or e-mail - maureenjudd@maureenjudd.plus.com with any information regarding weekly notices by noon on Friday.
Maureen Judd

Rest Day—Rev. Keith Edwards' 'day off' is a Wednesday; please try to respect this whenever possible.

From the Manse ...



Dear Friends,

I was reading the other day about Bono, the lead singer for U2. Bono is an outspoken Christian, a rarity in secular pop music, and on a recent tour concerning the AIDS crisis in Africa he said something like “our mission in the world is not to do our own thing and ask God to bless it, but to find out what God is already doing in the world and get where he is.” Rick Warren in his book “The Purpose Driven Life” says “God is at work in the world, and he wants you to join him.”

Sometimes I think we struggle with what God is calling us to do both as individuals and as a Church. Many times after I have spoken about our purpose in Christ people have come and said to me “but what does God want me to do?” The answer is clear, God wants you to join him in what he is already doing. So what is he doing?

I can think of four things that God is doing. Firstly he is creating in people a hunger for spiritual answers to life's difficult questions. Peoples hope is no longer embedded in what can be proved, but accepts there is more to life – they just do not know where to look without help. Secondly, there is renewed interest in Jesus. “The Passion of Christ”, “The Da Vinci Code” and “The Shack” have helped to point people in the direction of Jesus and who he really was. Thirdly there is an increased element of fear in the world especially with the recent terrorist attacks. The bible, and history show us that people are much more open to God in such times than when they are comfortable and complacent. And fourthly people are looking for meaning and purpose in life, the increase in literature about self discovery shows this.

So what can we do ? We can join God where he is and much more so as we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus – Christmas. Conversations with those who question our faith, comforting the fearful with the message of the gospel, steering seekers in the right direction. This is where God is at work, in the single parent families, in the bereaved, with the directionless.... And this is where we can be too. So do not ask, “What does God want me to do?”, but look around at the plethora of opportunities he has laid before us; let's join God in the work he is doing.

Grace and peace to you - Keith

Church News

Junior Church

Beverley Hudson and Pam Scott will be leading Junior Church at the Communion service on **5th November**.

There will not be a Junior Church on Remembrance Sunday **12th November**.

Victoria Haydon and Chris Palmer will be leading junior Church on **19th November**.

Members of Junior Church will be in church for the Café church service on **26th November**.

Fran McMullan

Fairtrade Stall.

The stall in October took £27. The next stall will be after the service on **5rd November**.

Thanks to everyone for making it a worthwhile project by supporting the stall.

Judith Gerrard

Methodist Mission in Britain

A retiring collection will be held in Advent and envelopes are included in this magazine for your contributions. Thank you for your continued support.

Pam Scott – Missions Secretary

Congratulations!

We send our congratulations to Neville and Kathryn Trout's daughter, Ellen, who has passed her 11+ exam; well done. Ellen.

Safeguarding

Recently there have been some changes to the Church Safeguarding Policy; anyone working with children, young people or vulnerable adults must now take the refresher course, "Creating Safer Spaces" every 4 years instead of 5 years; also one person can now run Junior Church as long as the window to the main church is left uncovered, so that they can be seen. We have ensured that at least two adults are available to cater for Junior Church, but as there are often only one or two children attending, it seems totally reasonable to have just one adult leading Junior Church.

Fran McMullan

United Service

with St. Mary's Parish Church and the Baptist Church.

These services are held either in our Church, the Baptist Church or St. Mary's Church. We are grateful to the ministers for leading these services.

The next service will be held on Sunday **12th November** at Princes Risborough Baptist Church.

Lighthouse (Lighthouse Week 30th July - 3rd August 2018)



The AGM was held on 19th September where it was reported that 511 children had registered and a further 64 toddlers attended the drop-in sessions, bringing the total to 575 children; a 2% increase on 2016. In fact the numbers have grown continuously over the last four consecutive years. It was reported to have been a successful year with positive feedback from parents, helpers and children. Many church members had volunteered in a variety of ways throughout the week.

Lizzie Tinsley has stepped down as Chair and Matthew Kemp has now taken on this role. There continues to be a need for a Deputy Site Manager to work alongside Gary Dawson.

Financially, due to significant savings made on tents, generator and administration, there was a small surplus of £85.00, which was much better than expected.

Fran McMullan

Lighthouse Quiz

Once again Jamie Carter is challenging us with his latest quiz questions for Lighthouse. Why not treat yourselves and your friends to the latest quiz sheet at the bargain price of just £1 each!? You will find them in the porch. You have until the end of January 2018 to complete the questions.

Chris Palmer

☺ Smile...

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Contributed by Vic Baker



Princes Risborough Tree of Light 2017

The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough (Charity No. 288786)

At the the corner of New Road and Duke Street, the Tree of Light provides an opportunity to remember or celebrate the life of someone special by sponsoring a light on the Tree. Dedications are recorded on boards close to the Tree. All proceeds shared between Rennie Grove Hospice Care and Rotary charities.

The Dedication Ceremony is on Sunday 26 November at 4.00 p.m.

Dedication Form

Your name and address (block capitals please)

Title.....InitialsSurname
Address
.....
Post Code..... Tel.

Names to be remembered (please print clearly)

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Total Enclosed £..... **The size of donation is left to your own discretion.**

Cheques payable to The Rotary Club of Princes Risborough

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

In order to Gift Aid your donation, you must tick the box below

Signed..... Date.....

Please send to: Tree of Light c/o Hillside, Westfields, Whiteleaf, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 0LH **or** hand in at Princes Risborough Information Centre (in the Library).

Christian Aid

The regular monthly luncheon will be held on Thursday **2nd November** from 12noon till 1.15pm in the Baptist Church Upper Hall. It was lovely to see some fellow Methodists at the October lunch.

There will also be a coffee morning on Thursday **23rd November** from 10am till 12noon in the Baptist Church Lower Hall, to which you are all welcome.

Margaret Stevens

SALT

Our meetings in November will be on the **2nd, 16th and 30th** from 7.30pm. The venues for these meeting have yet to be confirmed and will be included in the weekly notices.

For further information, please contact Victoria Haydon (01844 274996), Joe Needham (01844 343246) or Maureen Judd (01844 344935).

Welcome to the new "Organist?"

This photo shows Fay Sheppard seated at the organ with Peter Willett. Fay, who is the secretary of the Pastoral Committee and a member of the WOW Group, has aspirations of being an organist and thinks that she is up to the job. Her confident smile belies the fact she hasn't a clue what to do, so Peter has a confident smile too knowing his job is safe, for the time being!



Church Treasurer

We would like to welcome Alf Rogers, who is our new Church Treasurer, taking over from Joe Needham. Joe has now passed everything to Alf, so he is now up and running.

Alf's contact details are:

Address: 5 Jasmine Close
Aylesbury
HP21 9SH

Telephone: 01296 393703

E Mail: alfred.g.rogers@btinternet.com

We wish Alf all the best in this new role and hope it is a long and happy association we have with him.

Tuesday Fellowship

At our meeting in September Peter Willett led us in a musical afternoon. This was based on Psalm 23. We started by singing "The Lord's my shepherd" to the familiar tune of Crimond (Singing the Faith 480). Peter explained that the Old Testament psalms were sung, but we have no idea how it was done. The Parish Psalter has chants for all the 150 psalms, and we sang (successfully) Psalm 23 to Anglican chant.

The irregular phrasing of the psalms makes them difficult to sing, so some have been rewritten to a regular pattern (called a metrical version) and we sang two examples; "The God of love my shepherd is" (Hymns & Psalms 43) and "The King of love my Shepherd is" (Singing the Faith 479).

Peter explained that another way to sing psalms is for the congregation to sing a simple "Response" with a cantor or choir singing the verses. "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Norman Warren has taken the text from the Good News Bible and used the first verse as a response, "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need, I have everything I need". This too we successfully sang with Peter taking the role of cantor.



Peter mentioned that there are a number of anthems based on the 23rd Psalm, possibly the best or most well known being by Howard Goodall, and has been used as the theme tune for the television series "The Vicar of Dibley".

By way of entertainment, Peter played two pieces of organ music; Rheinberger's "Cantilene" and Nigel Ogden's "Penguins' Playtime".

We finished by singing "The Lord's my shepherd" (Singing the Faith 481) a modern version written by Stuart Townend, more in the style of a contemporary worship song. Thank you Peter.

We next meet on Tuesday **21st November** at 2.00pm when we will be joined by Revd Carina Shergold, who makes costume jewellery. All are welcome to join us.

Pam Scott

Fundraising

Easyfundraising



Easy Fundraising does exactly what it says – it raises funds for a good cause (e.g. Princes Risborough Methodist Church) with minimal extra effort required on your part.

If you (or other family members if you do not do internet shopping) would like to join the eight of us currently registered, then go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register – selecting Princes Risborough Methodist Church as the cause you support. Then all you need to remember is that when you want to do online shopping you first of all log on to the easyfundraising website, and then find the retailer you want.

Try it! It's easy and worthwhile!

'One Can Trust'



Food bank serving families in need.

Our Church box goes to the Food- bank HQ in High Wycombe, before distribution. A list of needs is on the box in the church hall.

Marilyn Dore

Transport to Church

If you require transport to or from any of the Sunday services or other events please speak to a Steward.

President of the Methodist Conference welcomed at URC Church House

Church House, the London offices of the United Reformed Church (URC), welcomed a special guest on 11 October for a tour of the newly-refurbished building and an informal chat about sustaining current ecumenical relationships and building new ones.

The Revd Loraine N Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference, met with staff, who were delighted to have the opportunity to question her about her presidential year.

Loraine then met with the Revd Philip Brooks, the URC's Secretary for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, and stressed the value of building and sustaining good and practical ecumenical relationships.

"The biggest risk for our Churches is the failure to make disciples," Loraine said.

Philip added: "Loraine and I have shared roots in Bolton, specifically relating to the church where I was last a minister, at Christ Church Methodist/URC Local Ecumenical Project (LEP) in Little Lever. It was lovely meeting with her and discovering our shared values of building good ecumenical relationships."

From Methodist Church Media Office.



Smile...

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Contributed by Vic Baker

Methodist Church congratulates ICAN on Nobel Peace Prize

The Revd Loraine N Mellor and Jill Baker, the President and the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have congratulated the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize today.

ICAN, a coalition of hundreds of non-governmental organisations and faith groups, received the award after being instrumental in getting the majority of the world's nations to sign up to a UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. In recognition for their work towards peace, ICAN will receive nine million Swedish kronor (\$1.1 million, £940,000) in prize money towards their cause.

The Revd Loraine N Mellor said: "Nuclear weapons are totally opposed to the love that God has for humankind. They represent a denial of hope, a challenge to community and a threat to peace. We live in a world of tension and it is becoming abundantly clear that nuclear weapons do not make us safer but are themselves a source of fear and dispute."

Jill Baker added: "This recognition of the important work of ICAN with the Nobel Peace prize could not be more appropriate. Through this campaign, peace activists, lawyers, city mayors, faith leaders, survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and many others are speaking with one voice. The message is clear: there can be no moral or legal justification for threatening whole populations with devastating and indiscriminate nuclear weapons. Following the introduction of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the test of a responsible nuclear weapons power will be its commitment to present concrete plans for progressing towards a world without nuclear weapons."

From the Methodist Church Media Office.

Harvest Festival - 1st October

Harvest and Whitechapel Mission

Harvest Thanksgiving was a wonderful celebration of All Good Gifts around us!



The whole weekend was so special, starting on Saturday with many helpers decorating the church so well with a wonderful variety of contributions of all kinds, both perishable and non-perishable food, and lots of flowers. The tables were set for Sunday's lunch, with initial food preparation also taking place. Donations for Whitechapel Mission were also brought along. The photograph taken by Kathryn Trout shows what a wonderful display it was.



Worship on Sunday was led by Professor David Matthews, a Methodist Local Preacher and Dean of Harris Manchester College, Oxford; and what an inspiring and memorable service he delivered. We wondered what item he would produce next from his large trunk which he had brought along; it seemed to contain a never ending supply of 'props'! An integral part of the message was a PowerPoint presentation of the Psalms, accompanied by Peter Willett on the organ. Thanks to Brenda Willett for coming to our rescue with the IT challenge!

If you wish to contribute financially to our continuing refurbishment needs, you can donate on line by visiting www.princescentre.org.uk, and by clicking on the 'My Donate' button. If you would like to book a hall or offer support in any way please ring Kim, our manager, on 01844 345105.

Maggie Wooster Keyte

TOWN FARM ART SHOW IN CHEDDINGTON Friday 24th - Sunday 26th November, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Perfectly timed for that special Christmas gift!

There is free entry to see the work of eleven talented artists and makers who will be showing an exciting mix of hand-crafted, high-quality artwork including paintings, illustrations, ceramics, woodcraft, woodcarving, jewellery and Egyptian quilts, plus willow weaving and sculpture in the garden.

Mulled wine and home-baked festive treats will be sold in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

This is our tenth anniversary and we are looking forward to welcoming visitors old and new.

If you have never been before, please come and see what it is all about!

6 Town Farm, Cheddington, Near Tring, LU7 0TT

Silent Prayers

The next meeting is at St. Dunstan's Church Hall, on Monday
6th November at 8pm.

We need silence to help us get a perspective on our lives; to hear the still, small voice of God, and refresh our inner being.

All are welcome.

Princes Centre Update



The new toilets, wet room and quiet room are now fully operational. The clients' facilities are now being upgraded and it is envisaged that it will be completed in early to mid November. We are very grateful to the Kop Hill Climb and all the other donors who have made this work possible.

Due to an ever-increasing workload in this department, and to bring everything 'in-house', we have recruited a Finance Officer to take over our finances, which have been handled by the Town Council on our behalf for the last 5 years.

A big thank you to all those who supported our recent Quiz and Bingo evening and our next one is being held on 26th January at 6.30 pm. The cost will be £10 per person for the quiz, including a curry meal, and if you wish to join in with the bingo this is a little extra.

The Dementia Cafe is restarting with children from the top school coming to socialise with the elderly clients. The pottery sessions, which are enjoyed by so many of the clients, are continuing for a further year, thanks to a grant from Bucks County Council through the North West Local Area Forum, to meet the cost of employing the potters. We are very grateful to BCC.

A further grant application has been made to Tesco and if we are successful, we would like to resurface the front paths to make them safer and more attractive for the clients. Voting in Tesco finished at the end of October, so we are now waiting for the outcome.

Members of the Banjovi Revival Band have now sold all their CDs which were produced to support the Princes Centre, and a final cheque has recently been received. Their support has been much appreciated. We are also very pleased to hear that our recent application for a grant to St Mary's Church has been successful. We would also like to acknowledge the other generous donations we have received from individuals which are most welcome.

The trustees of the Princes Centre are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23rd November at 6.30pm in the Princes Centre, and if you would like to join us that evening, you are most welcome. It is an opportunity for you to come and see our new facilities.

Lunch for 34 followed, with a wonderful variety of dishes; and judging by the clean plates, it was enjoyed by us all. Desserts were every bit as delicious as usual, with every mouthful finished! Thank you to the helpers who were involved in the lunch, especially those who prepared the delicious food. We were pleased that Rev Keith Edwards was able to join us.

Everything was cleared away and washed up in no time at all, following which the harvest goods were packed into boxes and bags ready for collection the next day and bags of donated clothing was brought in from the shed.

There was an excellent monetary response from the envelopes distributed in aid of 'All We Can' and the total raised, including the sale of the fresh produce and the profit from the lunch, was £250, which is being sent to 'All We Can' for their efficient small-scale development work.

Volunteers were back on Monday morning to help load the goods for Whitechapel Mission into Tony Miller's trailer. As usual Tony spent a few minutes telling us about the work of the Mission, and how they effectively use volunteers together with ex-servicemen in hostel accommodation to operate the Mission and keep it clean. In fact, of all the food premises in Whitechapel he says the Mission is the only one with a five star hygiene rating! Tony is certainly an inspiration and it is so good to hear that many of those in hostels can move into their own accommodation thanks to the support of the Mission.

The Church Forum has agreed that our Christmas Day collection can be for Whitechapel Mission too.

Judith Gerrard and Chris Palmer

Advent Craft Fair

St. Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, will be holding an "Advent Craft Fair" on Saturday 25th November from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

The entry charge will be £1.00, but will include having a cup of tea or coffee.

Pam Scott

Church Forum

There were 14 people present at the Church Forum held on 3rd October. Rev. Keith Edwards welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer. The meeting consisted of reports and news from Church groups.

Treasurer’s Report Joe Needham presented the accounts, which showed a surplus in the General Funds of £263.00. Our regular giving has increased by 6%. He explained about a reduction in letting fees and why our utility costs are lower. In the Connexional Funds we agreed to make small increases in our giving.

Joe was thanked for all he had done over the many years as our Church Treasurer; a very hard act to follow.

Property Report Barry Palmer reported that the front right hand side porch window had been damaged, which necessitated replacing the whole window. The plaques for the two trees dedicated to Rev Geoff Bending have been purchased and are positioned at the base of each tree.

Lettings continue, but we are not getting any new lettings, so Barry wants us to spread the word that the hall is available for hire for birthdays and meetings at very attractive rates.

The sound system is causing distortion to anything that is being projected onto the screen. The cause of this interference is being investigated, so that it can be rectified. In anticipation that to cure this interference will cost money, Vic Baker proposed organising a fundraising concert using the Cygnets, one of the choirs within The Orpheus, on a Sunday afternoon in March 2018, to include approximately a 90- minute concert, a cup of tea followed by a short ‘Praise Service’. It was agreed that Vic will arrange such a concert.

Worship Review Margaret Stevens and Maureen Judd have attended a recent Sector Planning Meeting, where it was pointed out that we are getting short of preachers, especially with Terry Stewart and Rev Steve Watts moving away. The use of more Cluster Services is being looked into to solve the problem. It was pointed out that if a ‘Local Arrangement’ (LA) is on the plan for our Church, Revd. David Williams at St. Mary’s Church, might be able to help us with a preacher.

Safeguarding, Later group and Lighthouse Fran McMullan’s reports are shown elsewhere in the magazine.

Steering Group The next meeting of the Steering Group will be on 22nd February 2018.

New Housing Developments

A number of small developments are already in progress around the town, with others to follow shortly in Longwick. It is planed that a welcome bag (containing a few goodies and information on the churches in the town) be delivered to each new house or flat.

The proposed CTR team under Revd Steve Williams is not yet up and running, but there is a need to get it involved before plans for the main developments are finalised.

Joe Needham

Princes Risborough Music Society

Princes Risborough Music Society is a friendly Society of about 60 members. Rehearsals are at Princes Risborough Secondary School on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact the Membership Secretary on 01844 344083.

On 19th November we will be performing Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. This will be a joint Concert with Marlow Choral Society at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe.

Tickets will be available from The Risborough Cook Shop, Art and Office, Library or choir members and on line at www.princesrisboroughmusicsociety.com. Tickets are priced at £12.00 and £16.00.

The Christmas Concert will be held at St Mary’s Church on 19th December, starting at 7.30pm.

Brenda Chubb

Churches Together in Risborough (CTR)

The new Chair of CTR is Revd Marcus Pawsey, having taken over from Revd David Williams.

Children's & Youth work

In addition to the successful Lighthouse week, and the ongoing work through 'Later', 'Pulse' and 'Breakout'; Ryan Romano, the youth worker at St Mary's Church, is also involved in a number of forthcoming consultations with the Bucks County Council Youth Development Officer to find out what young people would like to see being done in the town, possibly involving the churches.

CTR Stall at Town Festival

Thanks to those Church members who manned the stall for our allotted hour. However, disappointingly, with lots of more exciting stalls around, little interest was shown by those passing by, and most of the leaflets available for handing out were still there when it came to pack up. Ideas for next year will be considered at a future CTR meeting.

St. Mary's Holiday at Home

This 2-day themed seaside holiday in St. Mary's Church, was very successful with over 30 older and vulnerable people attending for some or all of the time, involving crafts, activities, talks, entertainment and food. The next "Holiday at Home" is being planned for February when the theme will be based on a skiing holiday.

Christmas Lights

There will be a CTR stall in the High Street on Saturday, 25th November between 3.00pm and 6.00pm for the switching-on ceremony of the town's Christmas lights. During this time we aim to hand out Christmas cards to passers-by detailing the two main Christmas services for each church. I expect that help will be required in setting up and manning the stall. Elim Church has suggested offering children an opportunity to dress up and have a photo taken with 'nativity puppets'. Also CTR has been asked to lead community carol singing for 20 minutes during the early evening, so singers will be required for that. More details to follow.

Joint Advent Service

This will be at St Teresa's Church on **3rd December** at 6pm

Messenger production Peter Willett instigated a discussion on possible ways of reducing the production cost of the Messenger.

Neville Trout was thanked for editing the October Messenger and for editing the joint December 2017/January 2018 issue.

Marilyn Dore and Margaret Stevens were thanked for their proof reading skills.

CCLI Peter Willett recommended that we discontinue having a 'Church Video Licence' with CCLI, as we don't project videos, and it will save £75.00. The meeting agreed to this happening.

Another license we hold allows us to project hymns in a church service, which are normally protected by copyright restrictions. We discussed the problem of projecting hymns that are not covered by this licence.

Social Responsibility Judith Gerrard reported that the 'Methodist Home's' collection raised £85.00 and the 'Action for Children' envelopes and boxes raised £250.38.

Harvest – Judith's report has been incorporated into a contribution from Chris Palmer and appears elsewhere in this magazine.

Christmas Morning Collection – it was agreed by the meeting that this should go to Whitechapel Mission.

Charity/Retiring Collections During the year we have raised £160 for 'One Can Trust'. Discussion took place regarding our Charity giving as for approximately 6 months of the year there are special charity donation envelopes distributed with The Messenger. It was agreed that we would continue to only have Retiring Collections on the months when there was no special giving.

Churches Together in Risborough Joe Needham's report is shown elsewhere in the magazine.

Circuit Matters The Circuit Holiday is planned for 7th/11th May 2018 in Bournemouth.

A new Circuit Steward and a new Manses Steward are required; anyone interested should contact Rev Keith Edwards.

Date of next meeting The date of the next Church Forum meeting is Tuesday **6th March 2018** starting at 8.00pm.

A full copy of the Forum Meeting Minutes, Reports and Accounts are available on the Church Notice Board in the porch.

Pam Scott – Meeting Secretary

Youth Matters



The Later Group for 11 to 17 year olds
Meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Princes
Risborough Methodist Church from 6.00pm till 8.00pm.

In July the Later Group completed its second year of being held at our church by having a celebratory BBQ.

We returned in September with some new faces joining the group. A number of the older children have now moved on and we hope that other children will join us to build up the numbers again.

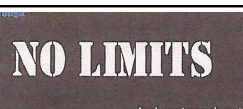
Revd James Tomkins (St Dunstan's) and Ryan Romano (St Mary's) continue to regularly attend and support the group as part of "CTR for youth".

We are grateful to Revd Canon Tony Bundock (St John's) for leading the 'God slot' at the end of the October meeting, and to Revd Dan Beesley (St Mary's) who will be with us for this month's 'God Slot'.

Our meeting this month will be on **19th November**. There will be no meeting in December.

For more information please contact our Minister, Rev. Keith Edwards
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or Fran McMullan chris-fran@live.com

Fran McMullan



Youth Service for school years 7-13
Meets on 1st Sunday of the month at St Mary's Church
from 4-6pm.



Pulse Informal Bible Study for school years 10-13
Meets on 2nd Sunday of the month at St Mary's Chapter
House from 6-8pm.



Deeper Worship Evening for anyone
Meets on 4th Sunday of the month at St Mary's Church
from 6.30-8pm.



Breakout We meet Fridays from 5 - 6.15pm at Elim Church, during term time, and have games, craft, lego, puzzles as well as watching an episode of an exciting DVD called Friends & Heroes, where we watch the adventures of a group of friends who also tell a Bible Story which is part of the theme for that particular week. We meet on **10th and 24th November**.

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AYLESBURY VALE CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2018 Monday 7th to Friday 11th May 2018



You are invited to join Rev Helen Kirk for our 2018 holiday to Dorset, where we will be staying at the delightful centrally-situated 3-star Suncliff Hotel in Bournemouth.

The cost of the holiday is £355.00 per person, giving you 'Luxury Coach Travel', four nights in the hotel with breakfasts and three-course evening meals, access to outdoor solar-heated pools, and three excursions to places including Southsea, Portsmouth, Christchurch, Poole and Swanage.

If you would like more details and a booking form please contact Pete and Jane Honeyball.

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We look forward to welcoming you all and hope you can join us.

Pete Honeyball