SWMC

A heart for God at the heart of Saltash

All are welcome

Wesley News
22 November 2026

Saturday 21 November

10.00am to 12noon - Community Coffee Morning - Saltash / Mbare partnership

Sunday 22 November

8.45am Breakfast

9.15am this week led by Rev. Stuart Reed and will include Holy Communion. Please join us for this relaxed all-age service led by our worship band. Children are well-catered for with crafts and other activities while those who are older are encouraged to explore their Christian faith in imaginative ways.

10.30am led by Rev. Stuart Reed and will also include Holy Communion. A warm welcome also awaits at our mid-morning service of praise, prayer and bible teaching. Please join us as we worship and learn together. Everyone is welcome to stay for a chat over light refreshments after both our services.

Can't join us in person? Both of our services are available online, so why not join us on Zoom! Either scan the QR code, clicking on the link below, or entering the meeting ID and passcode into your Zoom browser.

Meeting ID: 8263 9602 2473 **Passcode**: love4prays
Clicking on the link below will also take you to Zoom.
https://zoom.us/j/82639602473?pwd=UUkwMXhLYkRieWwoQotaVW5KTmZwZz09

Sewing Group dates:

1.30pm to 3.30pm 23 November - Why not bring something you are working on?

Saturday 28 November

10.00am to 12noon - Coffee & Cake Morning, in aid of Diabetes UK. Margaret H and Anne M would gladly accept any donations of homemade cakes. Thank you!

Sunday 29 November

8.45am Breakfast

9.15am led by local arrangement.

10.30am led by Rev. Alison Richardson.

Wesley Office Closure

The office will be closed next Wednesday morning, 25 November

Online **Want to read our newsletter online? Go to wesleyweb.co.uk where you'll find links to view it on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.**

Flowers for Sunday



Flowers have been donated by: Mary Keith-Marnell-Creech in honour of father Michael Creech.

Zoom Bible Study

Dates for our Bible study on Zoom will be chosen on a 'month at a time' system, until otherwise decided, and will be published in the newsletter.

To join either scan the QR code or enter: **Next date: TBC.**

Meeting ID 811 8674 4033
Passcode: bookofacts

Clicking on the link below will also take you to Zoom.

Bible Study Zoom link
Passcode: bookofacts

https://zoom.us/j/81186744033?pwd=cGhVcoxGZDduTGJPTk1EMlRTUnk2Zz09

17 December 7.00pm to 9.00pm

The Lounge at Wesley

A Blue Christmas service is a quiet church service held in December for people who are not feeling merry. It is for the family facing the first Christmas after a death, the person whose marriage ended this year, the one sitting with a diagnosis, and anyone who finds the season's cheerfulness hard to stand next to.

Christmas arrangements

Sunday 6 December: 10.00am

All Church Together Toy Service followed by our Church Family Festive Jacket Potato lunch.

The lunch will start at around 12noon, following our coffee and fellowship time There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the foyer so please indicate whether you'll be able to join us. We are looking for contributions towards the buffet lunch of toppings for the potatoes, homemade puddings, festive nibbles etc. Afterwards we will join in singing some favourite carols accompanied by Phil Taylor on the organ.

As in previous years we are asked to bring along brand new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children aged from newborn to 17 years. The aim is to give each child a main gift and 2-3 smaller gifts along with some stocking fillers. Andrea, a representative from the Salvation Army, will be coming to our service and will share a little about the appeal and receive our gifts. If you prefer to make a cash donation to the Salvation Army, a collection will be taken at our Church Family Festive Lunch.

Monday 14 December at 7.00pm

An evening of Christmas Music

Saltash and District Augmented Choir and Burraton CP School choir.

Sunday 20 December at 6.00pm

Wesley Carol Service.

Thursday 24 December at 11.30pm

Christmas Eve Communion

Friday 25 December at 10.00am

Family worship on Christmas Day



Sunday Worship: Moving Forward with Faith

Many of you will be aware that over the past few weeks we have been in conversation about ideas concerning arrangements for our 09.15 and 10.30 am Sunday services. We have been looking at ways of making slight alterations to our timing in order that the current "in between" service time can work better for everyone. Numbers attending our early services are growing (we rejoice that we now have 15 children who attend on a regular basis) and it has become very apparent that they now need a full hour for their time of worship. This is a cause for celebration and as such, we need to consider how best to move forward for the benefit of our ONE congregation meeting at two different times.

Our ideas have been evolving, and we are very grateful for all the comments and contributions which we have received, as we've prayed and discussed various suggestions. The best option appears to be for the early service to start 15 minutes earlier, the second service to start 15 minutes later, thus making the "in between" time a much more positive time of fellowship during which our whole church family can have the opportunity to meet. This earlier start has been agreed with the 09.15am worship leaders and breakfast teams as a way to ensure they have a full hour for their worship without encroaching on the preparation time for those attending the 10.30am services.

Moving the start time of the later service by 15 minutes, should not adversely affect the group who go out for Sunday lunch afterwards or those who are in Care Homes and need to be back for lunch. We acknowledge that the time of fellowship over coffee after their service is very important to this group and this will remain, organised by their existing coffee rota team. But equally this new arrangement would allow for those who wish to get to know those attending the earlier service, the opportunity to do so.

Next step:

To proceed with implementing these changes in time for the preparation of the March – May 2027 plan, we would need to convene an Extraordinary Church Council meeting in early January with the proposals:

- Our current 09.15 am services to commence at 09.00 am preceded by breakfast from 08.30 am. Our current 10.30 am services to commence at 10.45 am.
- Fellowship over coffee to continue both between the two services and following the 10.45 am services.
- 10.00 am ACT (All Church Together) service will continue regularly, approximately 3 times per Plan, preceded by breakfast from 09.30 am. Coffee and fellowship time as usual after the service.

We trust that our God will continue to bless us during these times of change and growth and that we will all be encouraged as we move forward on the next step of our journey together as ONE church family.

(Your Stewards' Team)



Warm Spaces Soup Lunches

Join us on Wednesdays at 12.15pm. Enjoy our hot, nutritious soup served with a warm crusty roll. Come for a relaxing lunch in friendly company.

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you!



Methodist Women in Britain

'Poems and Puddings'

on Tuesday 1st December 2 - 4

at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church

Bring a poem and/or a pudding or write a poem with us.

Or share a Christmas recipe too.



Everyone is very welcome.

Contact Rev Alison Richardson

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Have something you'd like to go into the next newsletter? Please send it, by email or by leaving a note in the external post box, before the evening of Wednesday 25 November. Thank you!