



# WITARD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Sunday 17 September 2023

**Greetings!** This morning's service will be led by **Richard South**. **Dianne Cruickshank** will be leading the intercessory prayers and **Nicky Dagers** will be reading the bible passage. **Ivan Pegg** will be bringing the Lord's Word to us today from 1 Thessalonians 1: 1- 10.

ARE YOU WAITING?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Morning Worship is being **live-streamed** each Sunday at 10.30 am, it will be available on our YouTube channel and can also be accessed any time after.

Our **Prayer Ministry Team** will be available for anyone who would like prayer following this service.

**Offerings:** We invite you to place your tithe and offerings in the box at the entrance to the Worship Centre. Thank you for your gift to the Lord's work here at WRBC.

Please join us for **tea and coffee in the reception area** after the service and join us for our Prayer Meeting tonight on zoom at 6.30 pm.



**Sunday Kidz: today.** In the main church building from 10.30 am - 11 am for the service, then from 11 am - noon in the conference room for refreshments, DVD story, activities and games.

**The office will be closed Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 September. Emails will be picked up.**

***THIS WEEK:***

**Foodbank:** Monday 2 pm - 3.30 pm in the Church Hall

**Zoe Group:** Tuesday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm in the Conference Room

**Baby Steps:** Tuesday 9.30 am - 11 am in the Church Hall

**Little Steps:** Wednesday 2 sessions: 9.15 am - 10.15 am and 10.30 am - 11.30 am in the Church Hall

**Community Café:** Thursday & Friday 10 am - 2 pm in the Church Hall

***SPECIAL NOTICES:***



**BETHANY IS HOME!** Difficult to find words to describe how grateful we are for God's healing and all your support and prayers for the family for the past 8 months. She has made incredible progress in the last 2 weeks, please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers especially as she is in a home environment, pray for continued protection from all infections that have knocked her back previously. Once again thank you all.

The Claytons and Culwicks



**Sunday, 24 September** will be our **Harvest Thanksgiving, All Age Service** and we are also delighted to be holding the **dedication of Macy (from Baby Steps)**. Our love and prayers go out to the family of Caryn & Martin.

As an act of kindness, to support our Harvest Thanksgiving, we would ask that you contribute essential food items for Food Bank (tea, instant mash, rice pudding, custard, biscuit bars, jam, peanut butter, long-life milk, tinned meat, dried fruit, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, sponge puddings, soup, chocolate, crisps and biscuits) - thank you.

## Church Members' Meeting

Our next church meeting is to be held on Sunday, 24 September. A copy of the agenda has been sent out to all Members. We would be grateful if you would let the office know of any items that you feel should be submitted under "Any Other Business", by 7pm on Saturday, 23 September - thank you. If you are able to attend, please bring a packed lunch to enjoy prior to the meeting!



**Gardening Team Required for Saturday, 30 September, from 9.30 am – 1 pm.** Green fingers are not necessary! We would like to tidy up the garden areas before the weather changes! Refreshments and a bacon roll will be supplied, as an encouragement! If you are able to help, please let Mike Culwick or the office know, thank you.



**'Link to Hope' Shoebox Appeal:** Each year our church supports the 'Link to Hope' Shoebox Appeal. Last year we sent 63 shoeboxes to families and the elderly in Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova. Each box is filled with love for people who have very little and are so grateful. Leaflets explaining the items you can put in your shoebox are in the foyer. Shoebox Sunday, when we collect the shoeboxes in, will be on 29 October. Thank you for your help. Margaret Osborne



**Open the Book:** The next date for Hillside is tomorrow (Monday, 18 September) and Heartsease is Wednesday, 20 September. If you would like to join the team, please let Steve or the office know. Thank you.

**Nine Beats Collective:** a collaboration of musicians, artists, and storytellers, will be performing at St Stephen's Church on Friday, 22 September. The evening will feature live music, story, and spoken work from the group exploring the ancient Bible wisdom known as "the Beatitudes". Tickets £6, available on the door or call 01603 617697 to book. Doors open 7pm.



**A new Care Group:** will be starting on Wednesday, 25 October, in Hoveton, 7.30 pm - 9 pm, which will be led by David Taylor and Stuart Budden. If anyone is interested, please speak with David or Stuart or let the office know.



**Macmillan's Coffee Morning is their biggest fundraising event to support people living with cancer:** People all over the UK host their own Coffee Morning and donations raised are made to Macmillan. The official date of the Coffee Morning is Friday, 29 September but, **WRBC will be hosting our event on Wednesday, 4 October, from 1 pm - 3 pm in the Church Hall.** All the money we raise will go to help many living with cancer to live life as fully as they can. Macmillan's help is totally focused on each

individual person, so everyone receives the support that's best for them. **Your donations could help with the following: £71** could help run their Online Community forum for over 3 hours. Typically, that would give nearly 198 people affected by cancer both emotional and practical support by providing a safe environment to share their experiences and emotions. **£100** could pay for a person affected by cancer to attend a health and wellbeing event, providing them with skills to improve the management of these areas in their lives. **£350** could pay for a Macmillan grant that helps a family affected by cancer take a holiday and enjoy precious time together. This can relieve financial pressure on a family that has been affected by cancer.

**Please do put this date in diary and come along to support this event. If you are able to bake or donate a cake, that would be wonderful - please let Mandy or Maggie know (the office team). Thank you.**

| ROTA FOR     | Sunday, 17 September 2023 | Sunday, 24 September 2023<br>Harvest - All Age Service |
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| Leader       | Richard South             | Pastor Steve & Chris                                   |
| Preacher     | Ivan Pegg                 | Pastor Steve & Chris                                   |
| Intercessor  | Dianne Cruickshank        | Chrissie Coe   |
| Bible Reader | Nicky Dagers              | Wendy Abel   |
| PA           | <b>Volunteers needed</b>  | <b>Volunteers needed</b>                               |
| Projector    | Durotimi O                | Marion   |
| Welcome Team | Martha U & Mo C           | Rab & Diane Taylor                                     |
| Refreshments | Mike C & Shane            | Tony & Pam S   |