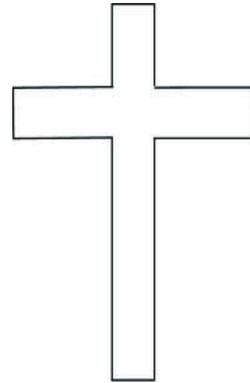




KEMPSTON METHODISTS NEWSLETTER



Minister: Rev Matt Fugill
Tel: 01234 851987

www.kempstoneastmethodist.org.uk

10 February 2013

The Bible in a Year

Dear Friends

For a new year resolution in 2012 Terry and I decided to read the Bible in a year. I was fairly familiar with most of the New Testament and many of the well known stories from the Old Testament but Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Ezekiel, what were all these books for? Terry would often ask me questions about the Bible which I couldn't answer, so hence our resolution to read it all.

We used "Every Day With Jesus" which gave us large chunks of the Old Testament and smaller parts of the New testament each day, with a comment from the editor. Ploughing through the Old testament was a challenge in itself and the comments were not always helpful. We were often tempted to give up, but we persevered. I now know where many of the great hymn writers got their inspiration from. "Great is Their Faithfulness", one of my favourite hymns is from Lamentations, and one of Terry's favourites from Mendelssohn's oratorio "If with all your hearts you truly seek me" is from the book of Kings.

My uncle, who is a retired Lt Colonel in the Salvation Army in Canada gave us lots of encouragement, sending us his publications of "An introduction to the books of the Old Testament" and





"Between the Covers", an inspiration for us both. We certainly don't know it all now, but this has been a revelation for us both and has helped us enormously on our Christian journey of life.

Why don't you give it a try?

Marion Hext

The following names were in the prayer book recently at East:

The family of Jean Smith who died last week. Shirley Butcher, Sheila Hardy, Jack, uncle of Mavis Allcroft and baby Ryan.

Please continue to pray for these people and situations.

Matthew 18: 5,6

'Anyone who welcomes one child like this for my sake is welcoming me.'

Heavenly Father, it grieves us when children are neglected, abused and led astray by those who should be guiding, caring and protecting them from evil. Please enable police and others to expose such shameful behaviour and be increasingly effective in protecting young people from such harm. Amen.

Win and Ted Update.

Ted has now returned home and has to prove that he can look after himself in a house with his disability. Win, because Ted can't look after her, is continuing to stay at the Airedale Nursing Home where she will be safe and receive lots of T.L.C. from those who look after her.

Special thanks to Catherine Gilbert for sending us Newsletters together with a newsy personal letter from herself.

We send our sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Smith who died last week





Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid Week will run from Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May. I am hopeful that last year's helpers will be willing to do so again this year but it would also be good if a few more people were able to take part. If you feel you would be able to help with the door-to-door collection, even if only a few houses, please speak to me at East or Lynda Smith at West. Michael Stevenson

Count Your Blessings

You should have received a Christian Aid leaflet 'Count Your Blessings' this morning. It is a leaflet for you to use during the period of Lent and is a great way of using the discipline of Lent to remind ourselves of just how fortunate we are and of the very practical ways in which we can share our blessings with those in greatest need. Please read the daily reflection, record your response each day and pray for the people, countries and issues featured. Any donations to Christian Aid can either be sent direct or given to Michael Stevenson at East or Lynda Smith at West to send on your behalf.

Piano

The Property Committee at East has decided to dispose of the Beginners Room piano. It has not been tuned for some time and will require attention but if anyone would be interested in having the piano, please speak to Michael Stevenson. There will be no charge but you will be expected to arrange for removal of the piano.

Michael Stevenson

The Friends of the Brigades are holding a
Family Fun Quiz on
Saturday 23 March at 7 pm
At Kempston East church hall.
£2 per adult - 50p per child

All monies raised in aid of the Kempston girls' and Boys' Brigades
Light refreshments will be on sale or
Bring your own (non-alcoholic drink)

The organ music following this morning's service at East is:
Triumphant March W.S. Lloyd-Webber





We welcome you to our churches today.
Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after
the service.

The Prayer Team will be in the west porch
after the morning service at East - please
drop in if you would like someone to pray
with you.

Sunday 10 February

- 10.30 am Morning Worship at East: Mr Glynne Rowlands
10.30 am Morning Worship at West: Mr David Meade
6.00 pm AWAKE Service at East: Mr John Ayers

Monday 11 February

- 8.00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday 12 February

- 2.00 pm Kempston West Craft Group
2.30 pm Tuesday Fellowship at Ladyslaude Court
7.30 pm Wesley Guild at East: Pancakes and Roger

Wednesday 13 February

- 10.00 for 10.30 am Midweek Service of Holy Communion at East
6.00, 6.30, 7.15, 7.45 pm Girls Brigade at West
7.30 pm ALPHA COURSE at East
8.00 pm Bible Study Group at

Thursday 14 February

- 12.30 pm Lunch Club at East
6.30 pm Anchor Boys and Junior BB at East

Friday 15 February

- 9.30 - 11.30 am Parents and Toddlers at East
7.00 pm Boys Brigade Company Section at East
7.30 pm Choir practice at East

Saturday 16 February

- 10.00 am 'The Ark' - Messy Church at East
12 noon - 1.30 pm Lunches at West

Sunday 17 February

- 10.30 am Morning Worship at East: Rev Peter Byas (HC)
10.30 am Morning Worship at West: Rev Matt Fugill (HC)

Items for next week's Newsletter to Cilla Talbot
Tel: 854434 or cillatalbot@btinternet.com By Wednesday evening.

