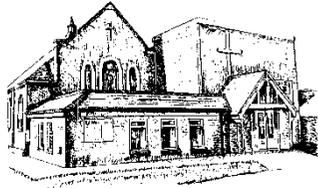


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## YATE METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday Worship:-10.30am (unless otherwise stated)**

**Welcome to our Church for Worship**

**January 3rd:-** Mr Iain Macgillivray

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Give thanks for a New Year and for renewed hope for the future.

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January 10th:- Ms Naomi Sharp **(Family Worship)**

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray for our country as we finally leave the European Union

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**January 17th:-** Rev Leigh Maydew **(Communion)**

Weekly Prayer Topic: Pray for our schoolchildren that there will be no further interruption to their education

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January 24th:-Mr Ken Thomas

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray that with the help of the vaccine the coronavirus will be under control

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**January 31<sup>st</sup> –** Mrs Brenda Isherwood

Weekly Prayer Topic:- Pray for those who are suffering in whatever way as a result of the virus.

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February 7th:- Mr Iain MacGillivray

Our Sunday Services

The Worship Resources letter from Leigh gives details of how we are opening the church for Sunday services and the procedures we must implement to conform to the regulations to be Covid-19 secure. Our church continues to be open with the Stewards there to receive you for worship, explain how things work, sign you in and show you to your seats. The seating will be arranged to ensure you can sit with your families but socially distanced from non-family members and be in a safe environment. You need to do is to **book your attendance with Dee (07766883383)** by the Friday before each Sunday service and bring a mask to wear during the service.

All services are also available on-line and by telephone.

Details for connection and other Methodist and C of E Daily Hope telephone services are in Leigh's December Newsletter.

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### Action for Children

If you haven't yet made a donation to Action for Children you can still do so by bank transfer, specifying 'Action for Children' as the reference so that Jenny our treasurer can identify your donation in the church account. Bank details below. Alternatively you can send a cheque made out Yate Methodist Church (indicating it is for AFC) to Jenny who will then collect together all the donations and forward a cheque to AFC. Treasurer details Jenny Mc Grath, 14, Hatherley, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4LT.

Yate Methodist Church, HSBC Bank, 2 North Walk, Yate, Bristol. Sort Code 40-47-34, Account Number: 31268201.

### Church Groups

Boys' and Girls' Brigades are now meeting when allowed but at the moment there are no firm arrangements for Sunday Club or any other weekday/night meetings to resume. Details will be given when there is any change to this position.

## 2020 AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

*From Rachel Evans*

We are all doing okay. We've kept ourselves busy either with home schooling, (so hard/testing to teach 3 children all in different school years, I'm so thankful for teachers. All 3 Children are now at school (William started when schools went back in September) His speech has come on so much and he has found a love of reading.

Jacob is has found a big love of construction and technology.

Matt has worked throughout 2020 as he classes and an essential worker, whereas I have been furloughed twice. So I spent the time when I wasn't home schooling making facemasks for family and friends. Annabelle and I also made head bands and Matt made faceshields for the NHS. Sewing has really help me through this year.

I'm enjoying watching the Sunday services online. I often watch/listen to them when at my sewing machine.

I'm looking forward to being back at church and having a face to face conversation when we are allowed to socialise again.

Wishing everyone a more positive 2021

Rachel and Family. X

*From Hennie Gray*

It was the day before Christmas, looking forward to having two families over. Wales restrictions allowed Paul and family to come. Then we heard that our granddaughter Amy had been in touch with a classmate who was tested positive with the virus. Malcolm decided it would not be right for them to come over.

So on 29th Dec we came together halfway and had a nice walk and exchange of presents at Cirencester Park, with a beautiful snowfall.

*From Alison Sansom*

Alison here...we have been very blessed and thankful that we were able to share our Grandson Bodie's first Christmas. He was six months old on Boxing Day and was born and has been in lockdown ever since. We have been their support bubble as he hasn't quite learnt the art of sleeping at night yet!

My parents sadly were in Hertfordshire for Christmas as they were moved into tier 4 but would rather stay safe this year to then be about next year! We have FaceTimed daily and that helps! I have missed everyone and all the fun in the

coffee mornings, tree festival, whist, meeting point etc, etc. Let us hope and pray we can get back to all this and some sort of normality in 2021!  
God Bless, Alisonxx

***From Deirdre Carter***

Our Christmas this year really wasn't very different from last year. Our daughter joined us but our son and his wife were stuck in Essex. Of course, our daughter did bring her 4 and a half month old border collie with her and to our surprise, he is learning that NO really does apply to many things he likes to do. However, slippers no longer disappear, newspapers left on the coffee table are not shredded and swinging from the curtains has been abandoned. He was the only one to receive presents, but enjoyed shredding the brown paper wrapping them more than the toys. One disaster - having just packed the dishwasher with the dinner plates, pots etc we discovered that the element has broken so we had to unpack and wash by hand!  
Best wishes to all for 2021 which will surely be better than this year  
Deirdre

***From Mary & Andy Eaves***

Christmas 2020 was the first Christmas we have spent totally on our own in 52 yrs. Early days were spent with parents, then later with children and parents, and now usually with just children and families. Matthew and family live in Lewes, East Sussex so too far for a "day" visit outside. Sam and Adrian are in Cardiff, which once again was under tight restrictions, so the plan was to spend Christmas @51. We woke late on Christmas day after a late night at the 11.30pm communion. The sun was shining so we decided to have a walk before lunch and build up our appetite! At lunch we pulled crackers, groaned at the jokes, put on our paper hats and enjoyed our Christmas turkey.....too full afterwards for pudding so that came later. In the mellow glow of food and a little wine we WhatsApped with a three-way family video call for a catch up on their Christmas day, and any gifts Father Christmas had brought. Sam and Adrian were able to have lunch with Adrian's parents in Cardiff and Matthew and family were able to go and wave through the window to Katie's parents in Rymer so we did feel a little 'marooned'. Later we settled down, lit the fire, and watched ballet and opera on TV, something we would not have done if we had been with the rest of the family. We opened the nuts and chocolates and toasted each other on surviving and enjoying

our first Christmas alone. We look forward to seeing the family in person hopefully in the not too distant future.

Best wishes to all for 2021.

## THANK YOU

***From Joan Crouch***

I am unable to come to church at this time. So my SINCERE THANKS to everyone involved who have enabled me to feel part of the worship via the landline phone. I appreciate all the time, thought and energy that this has taken.

Happy New Year to all.

***From Rev Ray Avent***

Many thanks to everyone at Yate Methodist for collecting and leaving their postage stamps at church for the benefit of the CRY charity. They are sold providing CRY with valuable funds to continue the work among young people in many countries.

\* Please advise Andy Eaves of anything you wish to be included in the FebruaryNews-sheet before January 20th. Phone 314673 or e-mail, [theeaves@talktalk.net](mailto:theeaves@talktalk.net)