

Dear friends,



The **Methodist Church**

'We encouraged you, we comforted you, and we kept urging you to live the kind of life that pleases God'

Micah 3:5-12 • **1 Thessalonians 2:9-13** • Matthew 23:1-12

Hymns: Help us, O Lord, to learn (StF 501)
For all the saints (StF 745)

Worship@home *in church!* Sun 1st Nov. 31st in Ordinary Season

THE BEST OF ALL IS GOD with US

HANDS FACE SPACE

Faith, love, hope

1 Thessalonians



We have 2 phone lines

Sunday service
01388 436815

and a daily reflection on
01388 436810

these complement what is on our [website](#)

+ [Rev John](#) on Facebook.

⊕ Worship will be 'hybrid' in nature going forward, that is, some will be in the building, others on computer, some will listen on a phone line or to local radio at 11am on **105.9 BishopFM** – see [link](#) – but we are all one in love and prayer. Our calling is to worship God, even with restrictions.

Worship at home – by phone, radio, [website](#), [YouTube](#) or Zoom services – is still the safest option.

If you are thinking of attending worship in one of our buildings, please read the [latest advice](#), and do not attend if showing any symptoms.

In Bishop Auckland regular **Thursday morning** worship is recorded.

To know who is attending, and if there is space, and also to have details if 'track and trace' is ever needed – **booking is essential** – phone a church steward for assistance.

Zoom worship will also take place every week, hosted by different congregations and featuring different preachers. **This is open to everyone.**

Woodhouse Close 📞 [Food bank](#) needs your support.

From the district – 2 training sessions to help us understand

Hybrid Church training session on Tuesday November 24th 1.30pm. This will open up discussion around physical and online church - what it is and how we move forward. Details and booking here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hybrid-church-tickets-125436308375>

Unconscious Bias training session There are two events organised for **7 January 2021** and **9 March 2021** We all have cultural and contextual biases, some of which we are aware of, others not so. This seminar helps us to understand bias, the impacts it has, and what we can do to avoid the unwanted effects of unconscious bias in the life of the church.

Eco-Church has had a conference – [watch it back here](#)

Calculate your carbon footprint – <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/>
An [application](#) has been made for RCEF funding to explore energy use

Church finances – we hope to have examined accounts soon, in the meantime to get you thinking [watch this](#)

Please share this page with one another and if possible, use the church [website](#) to keep up to date.

God bless you all, and if you need anything, or just need to chat, get in touch – pastoral visits are possible by request.

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Services:

Sunday 1st Nov
6pm Rev John
at the Valley



Tel. 603142 for details
Preacher: Carol Bean

Thursday 5th Nov
(B.A.)

9.30am Rev John
Holy Communion / Remembrance

Sunday 8th Nov
3pm Rev John
at South Church
Remembrance



Tel. 603142 for details
Preacher: Vanessa Purdy

Thursday 12th Nov
(B.A.)
9.30am Susan Thorne