Hailsham Methodist Church Update

Week beginning Sunday 22nd November 2026

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This Sunday, our Morning Service at 10.00am will be led by our Worship Group. The Sunday Evening Zoom/Telephone Service at 6.00pm will be led by Deacon Vicky Welsh.
(For Zoom and telephone access details see below)

The following Sunday, 29th November, the Morning Service with Holy Communion will be led by Rev'd Barbara Evans-Routley.
The Evening Service on Zoom will also be led by Rev'd Barbara.

Lectionary Readings, Hymns and Psalms
Here are the lectionary readings for each day of this week, along with a reading from the Psalms and a hymn from Singing the Faith, as listed in this year's Methodist Prayer Handbook. *The Week's Theme: Faith in Adversity*

Sun 22nd	Matthew 25:31-46	StF 256	Psalm 95
Mon 23rd	Daniel 1:1-6,8-20	StF 500	Psalm 30
Tues 24th	Daniel 2:31-45	StF 147	Psalm 31:1-8
Wed 25th	Daniel 5:1-28	StF 715	Psalm 31:9-24
Thu 26th	Daniel 6:6-23	StF 457	Psalm 32
Fri 27th	Daniel 7:1-12	StF 340	Psalm 33:1-12
Sat 28th	Daniel 7:13-27	StF 347	Psalm 33:13-22

Prayer for Peace:
Almighty God, let there be peace in our hearts and peace in your world. Amen

Thought for the Week: Make a Joyful Noise!
The Bible encourages us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. To worship with gladness and to come into his presence with singing!
I know that we aren't all singers and some prefer to whisper or mime the hymn words in Church. I know some who sing when at home while cleaning the house or even waiting for the kettle to boil.
However, we are God's people and he knows us well. We all praise God in our own ways! (*Psalm 100)*

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The Week Ahead:

Mon 23rd: Toddlers Group meet in Church Hall, 9:30-11:30am
No Bible Study session this week. Next session on Zoom, 7th December.
Wed 25th: UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (see below)
Sat 28th: Decorating Church for Advent/Christmas (see below)
Warm Welcome Space in main Church Room, 10:00-12:00noon (see below)

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (sometimes called White Ribbon Day) takes place on Wednesday 25th November, marking the beginning of the United Nations 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

At Hailsham Methodist Church, we will mark the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence by placing an empty red-draped chair in our porch from Wednesday 25th November to 10th December, Human Rights Day.
The Red Chair Project uses a simple but powerful symbol: an empty chair, often draped in red fabric, representing the women and girls whose lives have been taken by domestic abuse and gender-based violence.

In Eastbourne, there are several activities taking place on 25th November -

9.00–10.00am at Eastbourne Railway Station:
We will be encouraging men to make the White Ribbon Promise and take a stand against violence towards women and girls.
The white ribbon is an internationally recognised symbol of the movement to end men's violence against women and girls. White Ribbon Day encourages men and boys to take responsibility, challenge harmful attitudes and behaviours, and become active allies in creating a safer society.

11.00am–2.00pm at Bankers Corner, Terminus Rd.:
Join us at our information and awareness stall as we launch Eastbourne's 16 Days of Activism campaign.

4.30–5.15pm at Bankers Corner, Terminus Rd.:
Please join us for a vigil to remember women and girls, both locally and around the world, whose lives have been lost to violence, and to stand in solidarity with those who continue to experience it.
Everyone is welcome.

Decorating Church for Advent & Christmas
Sunday 29th November will be the 1st Sunday of Advent, and so Saturday 28th will be the morning when our Church building is decorated in preparation for Christmas. If you can, please do come along and help to drape, dangle, balance and hang Advent wreaths, bunting, decorations and lights tastefully (?) about the building.
Refreshments will be supplied by the Warm Welcome Space operating from 10:00 to 12:00.

Warm Welcome Space
Our Church doors will open this Saturday morning, 14th November, from 10:00 to 12:00noon to host another Warm Welcome Space, held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. There will be coffee and tea, there will be toast and biscuits, there will be chat and, as the name suggests, there will most importantly be a warm welcome for all.
Do drop in – and bring a friend!

Keeping In Touch
If you have any news or up-coming events you want to share via this Update sheet, you can phone John O' on 01323 486961, or email johnoreilly876@btinternet.com

On-line Worship Access Details
Sunday Evening Service at 6.00pm
Each week on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 413 058, 0228, Passcode: barbara (all lower case)