Well, we're in August already! Time is rapidly marching on, and the months just seem to be flying by. Before we know it, it'll soon be Christmas! But as the saying goes, "Time & tide wait for no man."

Inevitably, with the passing of time there comes change. The great British weather for one thing never lets us down in this respect. Sometimes it literally changes from one hour to the next! Our government has changed and there will be different ways that parliament will lead our country. There'll be some changes that we'll agree with and others that we won't. We're experiencing change within our church, as we continue in the process of looking for a Minister who will help us lead the church forward in the way God wants us to go. And this also will bring change.

Many of us don't like change at all, as it makes us feel insecure. How often have we heard people say. "Why can't things

stay as they are"? But, in time, everything changes - except God! He never changes! And that reminds me of a song that I sang when I was a child: "Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same. All may change but Jesus never, glory to His name." It's a wonderful truth that draws heavily on scripture, like all the best songs – in this case, Hebrews 13:8.

What a relief! And such a comfort to know that while change happens on a regular basis and often not for the good, Almighty God stays the same. Ever loving, ever faithful, He has the whole world in His hands.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Take care. God bless,



Carol

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# Sunday



**Prospects** meets in the church school room on the third Sunday of each month **@ 3pm**.

- No meeting in August
- 15th September



**TeenMeet** meets on the first Sunday of each month in the late afternoon / early evening and is for those of secondary school age.

- 4th August
- 1st September

#### **Monday**



A time of **Prayer & Meditation** takes place fortnightly on a Monday via Zoom **@ 9:30am**.

- No meetings in August
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September



On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding a **Tea Dance with afternoon tea @ 2:30pm** in the church schoolroom. £2 per person.



The **Ladies Meeting** takes place in church fortnightly on a Monday **@ 1:30pm**.

- No meetings in August
- 9th and 23rd September

## **Tuesday**



The **ARK Play Group** takes place every Tuesday during term time. No groups in August, it will restart in September. There are 2 sessions: **10am-11:30 am and 1:00pm-2:30pm**. £1.50 per family plus 50p per extra child.



**Summer Club** takes place in church every Tuesday in August @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm for 0-11 year olds. There will be activities, crafts, games and snacks. 50p per child.

#### Wednesday



The **Prayer Walk and Litter Pick** takes place every week on a Wednesday morning **@11:00am**.

## **Thursday**



The **Lunch Club** takes place in the church schoolroom every week on a Thursday, with lunch being served @ **12:00**. Come and join us for food and a chance to chat. We just ask for a small donation of £2 per person.

## **Saturday**



Join us on Saturday 14th September @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm for an evening of entertainment and fellowship as we showcase some local talent! Further details to follow.



The **Prayer Meeting** takes place in church twice per month on the first and third Saturday **@ 9:30am**.

- No meetings in August
- 7th & 21st September



**Hymn singing at Treeton Grange Care Home** takes place on the third Saturday of each month **@ 11:00am**.

- 17<sup>th</sup> August
- 21st September



Our **Sunday services** take place each week at 10:30am in our church building. We also livestream the services via our YouTube Channel. The first and third Sunday of each month includes communion. Junior Church is for school-age children and meets each week during the service.

Aug		Sept	
4 <sup>th</sup>	David Taylor (Communion)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Dunn (Communion)
$11^{th}$	No service - church picnic	8 <sup>th</sup>	Tracey Shields
$18^{th}$	Jo Regan (Communion)	$15^{th}$	Giles Holloway (Communion)
$25^{th}$	Carol Cooke	$22^{\rm nd}$	Messy Church
		29 <sup>th</sup>	Praise & Worship Service



On Sunday 11th August there will not be a service in our church building. Instead we will be meeting in Burgoyne park for a café style church. There will be refreshments, quizzes, songs, and plenty of time to chat!

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>
September we will hosting another Messy Church.
There will be crafts and activities for all ages as well as refreshments throughout the morning!

