

BRADMORE  
METHODIST CHURCH  
@ THE LABYRINTH



Sep – Nov 2018



Great blessings belong to the peace-makers, for they will be called children of God. We think of all who seek and build bridges for peace in conflict, in the UK and beyond. We pray that we may be bearers of peace.

(Matthew ch.5 v.9)

**So we have moved house.... again!** Our second move while in this appointment (and hopefully the last). I am officially fed up of packing, unpacking and especially boxes. What is really bad is that when sorting through what to pack, we uncovered full boxes from last time we moved. These boxes full with stuff we hadn't used for two and a half years. We came to the conclusion that quite simply, we didn't need those items and so we got rid. It's a surreal situation trying to be ruthless with objects, some of which carry sentimental value from the past. Yet you know you will probably never use them again. There were some difficult decisions as to what we should let go of.

Letting go is such a hard task. Not just in moving house. Letting go of past failings is tricky, some of our mistakes haunt us for years. Letting go of the anger we hold against someone is hard, it's a good way of passing on blame. Letting go of past relationships is tough, even when you know circumstances have changed. Throughout life we need to stop looking back and let go of what has gone. It's only when we let go that we can start to look forward.

My favourite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17. *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ Jesus, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ"*

I always take great encouragement from these words and have done for the last 12 years. A God who forgives us, reconciles us, and enables us to move forward; not holding anything from the past against us. A God who gives us the second, third, fourth, ninety third chance each and every day to start afresh. But only when we are willing to let go.

What do you need to let go of today? If there is anything, I encourage you to put it before God. Trusting him as you leave it behind. And remember the renewal that can we receive from God. Every blessing, Simon

Join us for a **TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10:15, when Simon Rose will lead our celebrations. Bring gifts of flowers, fruit and veg to the church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 1-2pm, or bring them with you to the service. Don't forget the supper and auction, tickets £6/£4, fund-raising for the Friary in West Bridgford, at 6:45pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October – **book** your meal by 17 September with Jean Pooley, tel 9213123.

Come along to the **film show 'I, DANIEL BLAKE'** on **Wednesday 26 September at 7:30pm in the Community Hall**. With equal measures of warmth, despair and humour, this award-winning film will give you food for thought - and there will be a cup of tea as well! Free entry, donations to The Friary at West Bridgford.

#### **FAMILY FUN with LION LEARNERS!**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2 – 4:30pm in the Community Hall there is an afternoon of animal-themed fun. Kristan Harness of Lion Learners will be bringing live animals and afterwards there will be crafts and games and light refreshments. To avoid stressing the animals, there are places for just 25 children – so **book your place** with Andy Proffitt ([andy.w.proffitt@gmail.com](mailto:andy.w.proffitt@gmail.com), tel 01159377176, mobile 07942943118) or John Randall ([johnrandall941@btinternet.com](mailto:johnrandall941@btinternet.com), 01159212647). You may turn up on the day without booking but you will only be admitted if space is available. This is a free family event (donations welcome).

#### **Bradmore Church calendar**

##### **September**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 9:45 Prayer fellowship (requests to John Randall).  
10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm Ride & Stride, church open for Notts Historic Churches.  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Martin Blyth.  
3pm All We Can, Circuit Service at Keyworth (refreshments).  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Prayer fellowship.  
9:30-11.00 Toddler Group  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Rev Andrew Barker.  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Nikki Geeson.  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Film 'I Daniel Blake' in Community Hall. Free entry, donations to The Friary West Bridgford.  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm Church open for donations of harvest gifts.  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Harvest Festival** Family Worship & Communion, all welcome, service led by Rev Simon Rose

##### **October**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 6:45pm Harvest Supper and Auction of produce.  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** 9:45 Prayer fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.  
**2-4:30 Family Fun with Lion Learners' animals, Noah's Ark.**  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Harvest worship at St Mary's Bunny; lunch at 12.  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Rosie Farrow.  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Prayer fellowship.  
9:30-11.00 Toddler Group.  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Ian Collinson.  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Chapel Anniversary** Family Worship, service led by Rev Simon Rose.

##### **November**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 Prayer Fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by John Mellor.  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10:45 Remembrance Sunday**, Worship led by Douglas Kerr, with Ruddington Cadet Band and wreath-laying at the Chapel War Memorial. All welcome.  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Prayer Fellowship.  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Jean Smith.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 10:15 Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School, service led by Rev Simon Rose.