



Rivertown Voice

Sunday 29nd October 2023



SUNDAY Hymns:- MP.293 *I sing the almighty power of God.* **MP.331** *In heavenly love abiding.* **MP.201** *Guide me o thou great Jehovah. God is love, his the care.* **MP.189** *God is working his purpose out.*

Bible Readings.

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18; Psalm 1;
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.15-22

11am Sunday Service

Keith Alexander

Followed by refreshments

Next Sunday Communion Worship

Revd. Johnny O'Hanlon

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**

Communion help

After my plea on Sunday for volunteers to prepare Communion and to donate flowers occasionally, I'm glad to report I had several volunteers to donate flowers. However there are still 15 Sundays without any flower donations.

Sadly, there were no volunteers to prepare communion, which means people have to double up with their time. If you can possibly help I, and Rivertown, would be extremely grateful. **Linda x**

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Facebook: **Rivertown community hub**

Website: **www.Rivertown.Org.UK**

Save the Children.

I would like to mention that I am collecting books of all types (children/ cookery/paperbacks) for Save the Children shop in Mold who have empty shelves! Please bring them to church and I will arrange delivery to Mold. Thank you. See **Janet Gray** for more details.



Save the Children

Deeside Silver Band AGM

7pm, Tuesday 31st, October 2023
at **Rivertown Church.**

Ever wondered how the famous Deeside Silver Band works? Who organises the rehearsals, how do you learn to blow a trombone, how can you book them to appear at a memorial service? Can I be a member of the band if I don't want to blow my own trumpet?

Well the answer to all these questions and many more can be found at its annual AGM. It is open to the public and anyone who has an interest in the band would be welcome. You don't have to be a brass musician. We do need non playing members to help keep us organised. Many thanks.

For more information see **Val Perally**

City Quiz answers– 1. Sheffield. 2. Glasgow. 3. Nottingham.

Emergency Resolution on Israel and Palestine

At our Autumn Synod Meeting on Saturday 14 October, the United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales passed the following resolution:

The United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales expresses concern and condemns all acts of violence and retaliation. We stand for peace and unity and pray for the victims of the attacks in Israel and Palestinian - victims caught in the violent crossfire of retaliation. We echo the words of our Christian siblings – The Patriarchs and Heads of churches in Jerusalem:

As custodians of the Christian faith, deeply rooted in the Holy Land, we stand in solidarity with the people of this region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of continued strife. Our faith, which is founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ, compels us to advocate for the cessation of all violent and military activities that bring harm to both Palestinian and Israeli civilians...

It is our fervent hope and prayer that all parties involved will heed this call for an immediate cessation of violence. We implore political leaders and authorities to engage in sincere dialogue, seeking lasting solution that promote justice, peace and reconciliation for the people of this land, who have endured the burdens of conflict for far too long.

You can read the full statement from The Patriarchs and Heads of churches in Jerusalem here:

<https://www.lpj.org/posts/hoc-statement-on-peace-and-justice-amidst-unfolding-violence.html>

The following resources may be useful to you:

The URC have offered some prayers:

<https://urc.org.uk/prayers-in-a-time-of-conflict/>

Mones Farah, who grew up in Nazareth, and is now an Archdeacon in St Davids Diocese, has shared his reflections and thoughts on how to pray for the situation:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/pray-for-peace-in-the-middle-east/>

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) is an international programme coordinated by the World Council of Churches. It brings people from around the world to the West Bank and Jerusalem to serve as human rights monitors and to advocate for a just peace on their return. In the UK and Ireland it is coordinated by Quakers in Britain. They have suggested 5 solidarity actions you can take for Palestine and Israel:

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/5-solidarity-actions-you-can-take-for-palestine-and-israel-oct-2023>

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