

**Salisbury Methodist Church**  
**Notices for this week – July 21st 2024**

**Sunday 21st**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion led by Revd Dr Mark Cheetham  
9.00 a.m. Church Family breakfast.  
10.30 a.m. Streamed service led by Revd Denise Binks

**Monday 22nd**

5.30 – 7.30 The Listening Place

**Tuesday 23rd**

10.00 a.m. Toddlers – the last session until September

**Wednesday 24th**

10.00 -12.00 Coffee in the welcome area & Fairtrade  
10.00 -12.00 The Listening Place  
10.30 a.m. Belletones

**Thursday 25th**

2.30 p.m. CAMEO -All are welcome

**Friday 26th**

**Saturday 27th**

10.00 -12.00 The Listening Place  
10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Bar & The Food Bank

**Sunday 28th**

10.30 a.m. Streamed service led by Revd Dr Mark Cheetham

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**'Unsung Heros' Holiday Club** will take place at SMc on August 12th -16th from 10 am to 1pm for 5-11 year olds. Charge will be £2 per child per session. This is a Three church event. Registration forms and further details from Fi Waddingham.

**We will be hosting the Welcome Service for the incoming Southampton District Chair, the Reverend Rachel Bending** on Sunday, September 1st 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The service will be led by the Assistant Secretary of the Conference, the Revd. Michaela Youngson and the preacher will be the Revd. Rd. Jennifer Smith from Wesley's Chapel, London. It will include the celebration of Holy Communion for all who wish to share. As is customary on such occasions, light refreshments will be served following the service. So please book the date, help will be needed for welcoming and refreshments.

**Get Connected** – As the sessions with Andrew Stewart on Tuesdays come to an end we say a big thank you to Monica for organising these on our behalf.

**INTRODUCING THE REVEREND DENISE BINKS**

I grew up in a non-Christian family in Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham, attending Neville Parade Methodist church from a very young age; I felt secure in their welcoming, loving community and through them began to encounter the love of God. In 1976, during a Lay Witness Weekend I made a step of faith, gave my life to Christ, and opened my heart to the Holy Spirit. I became a member of the church and was immediately asked to be a junior steward. I loved attending Sunday worship and sharing in Bible Fellowship with all my adult friends.

When I married my husband, Alan, in 1980 we moved to Darlington where I heard the call to become a Local Preacher, quite a radical idea for someone so quiet and shy! Our children (David & Susan) arrived in the early 1990's, and we moved to Fleet in Hampshire for Alan's work when Susan was just 9 months old. I had always had an understanding that God would one day call me to be a minister but as the time passed thought I was 'getting away with it'. Then one day as I walked into a church that I had witnessed going through a time of renewal, I heard God saying 'I want you to do this'.

I enjoyed candidating and talked about 'holding the idea of the call lightly in my hands' ready to be told that I had not been accepted. It was at the last conversation, before a decision was to be made that I realised how much it all meant to me. Ministry is not always easy, but that moment of recognition of the privilege of serving God in this way has never left me.

I studied at Sarum College in Salisbury and was stationed into the Yeovil and Blackmore Vale Circuit in September 2015. My ordination service was in Birmingham in 2017. I feel blessed to live in Shaftesbury where I have 'pastoral charge' of four churches: Bell Street United Church, Shaftesbury (LEP with URC); Tisbury Methodist Church; Vale Methodist Church: Sturminster Newton & King's Stag. I have a heart for mission and outreach into our community; discipleship and preaching and have learned so much from working with others, lay and ordained. I am looking forward to being transferred, along with Bell Street United Church, Tisbury and Motcombe Methodist churches into the Salisbury Circuit in September 2024 where I will also take responsibility for Sandleheath Church.

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