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Rivercourt Methodist Church

Rivercourt News

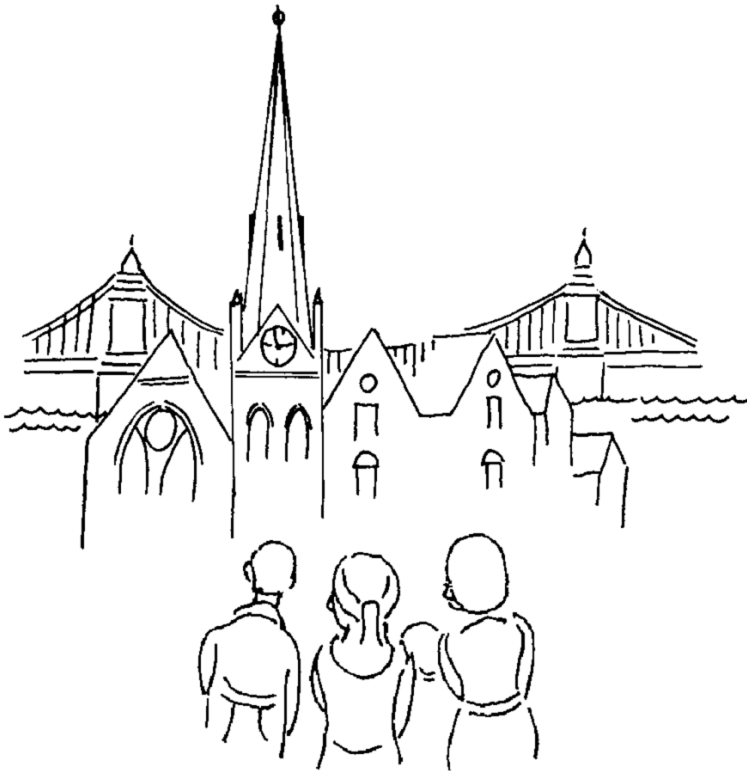
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Happy to Help!

If you are interested in any items mentioned in the newsletter, want a confidential word, or have views that you would like to express, please contact any of the church trustees.

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Dates For Your Diary

April 2024

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05

Every Thur from
10.30am -2.30pm

Open Doors- (see item)
Volunteers needed

Every Thur at 12.30pm

Lunchtime service
followed by bring and
share lunch

Sun 19th Nov – Sun 28th April.,

Rivercourt Sunday
Supper Service (see
item)

Thur 11th April., 2.00pm

Film and Faith viewing

Sun 14th April.,12.30pm

Second Sunday Bring
and Share Lunch at
Rivercourt

Tue 16th April., 7.00pm

Trustee Meeting at
Rivercourt

Thur 18th April., 10.45pm

Film and Faith
discussion

Sun 12th May.,12.30pm

Church Council
Meeting at Rivercourt

Open Doors



As part of our mission, Rivercourt is opening our doors for a safe space and fellowship.

Rivercourt will be open every Thursday from 10.30am – 2.30pm for those people who want to come inside for friendship, fellowship, hot drinks and light refreshments. Church members and visitors are

welcome.

We need help to operate this. We are asking if you will commit to providing support, even if it's an hour a week. We need a minimum of 4 people throughout the day. Please think and sign up even if it's for an hour. The more you can help, the easier it will be.

You might think you can't offer anything, but the more people there are inside the church the livelier and more inviting for visitors to come inside. We need people to:

- make and serve hot drinks
- make cakes
- welcome and chat to others
- donate tea/coffee/milk/biscuits/ cake.

Please sign up to help.

Easter at Rivercourt

What a magical day Easter Sunday was at Rivercourt. From the decoration in the Church to the delicious meal after the service. The day was enjoyed by all who attended. Below are images from the day:







The Sunday Suppers project started on 19 November 2023 and has now run for 20 weeks.

During that time, we have fed 144 different guests, including 42 women and a 14 year old girl, who attends regularly with her mother.

We have between 50 and 55 guests every Sunday and have so far served over 1,000 meals.

Guests travel from as far as Islington and Ealing to come to us as there is no free food provision open in their area on a Sunday.

The project will run until 28 April and will then break until the autumn. We already have much of the funding required for next season, especially if we continue to partner with City Harvest, from whom we obtain food and soft drinks free of charge every weekend.

This service is funded solely by Rivercourt and St. Peter's -all donations are greatly appreciated. Donate either via Rivercourt or online at www.givey.com/sundaysuppers

Vicky Lawrence

What's going on at Rivercourt?

GDPR – Data Protection

The Methodist Church require Churches to audit the membership and review the contact details kept on file on an annual basis. Forms will be distributed during March and April asking you if the details held by the Church are still correct and if you want the church to keep in contact with you and if so, how.

Everyone will be asked whether they wish their name and or photograph to appear in the newsletter and any social media site. Individuals can choose not to give permission for this.

The Rivercourt WhatsApp group will be transferred to the mobile phone number given above. Individuals will be asked if they wish to be included in this group. No-one will be automatically transferred. The purpose of the WhatsApp Group is to communicate information about the church in a speedy way. Rivercourt is required to manage the information communicated and provide guidelines for the effective use of the group. The WhatsApp group is not intended to replace individual social conversations or to communicate personal views.

Sundays – Rivercourt is operating a Sunday Supper Service for people in need. The service operates from 6.30pm – 9.00 pm. The numbers of guests increase

steadily each week. On Sunday 28th January 47 people were served. If you would like to volunteer speak to Steve Lawrence. This service is funded solely by Rivercourt and St. Peter's -all donations are greatly appreciated. Donate either via Rivercourt or online at www.givey.com/sundaysuppers

Lunchtime Service every Thursday from 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Thursdays – Rivercourt open from 10.30 am to 2.30pm to offer hospitality and a quiet, safe space for the community. Bring & Share Lunch at 1.00pm. Please come along to support.

Prayer Activity - individuals wanting prayer time with Rev Singa should contact her directly and arrangements would be made that were mutually convenient. It was also agreed that the Pastoral Secretary would be informed or individuals could contact her for more information

Different styles of worship please make any suggestions about forms of worship that you would like at Rivercourt to Rev Singa.

Rivercourt Music Festival, Church Council agreed a music festival to raise funds for the Sunday Supper Service was a good idea. It was to arrange a concert of 90 – 120 minutes, well publicised in advance,

Entertainers to be invited to perform on a voluntary basis (their contribution to support Sunday Supper Service), Concert would be free and donations requested. The Aims of the festival are to: Raise funds for Sunday Supper Service, promote Rivercourt in the Community as per the consultation findings and promote 'Cultural Exchange'. Refreshments, such as tea/coffee and cake would be served. Sunday 14th July was agreed as the date. Kwaku Tiekku is arranging the concert and any volunteers and suggestions should be made to him.

150th anniversary- 2025. Christine Booth is co-ordinating the Anniversary celebrations and activities. Christine would like help and anyone interested in helping should let Rev Singa and/or a steward know. The Anniversary will on Church Council agenda in order to keep people updated on plans and activities.

Membership of Rivercourt Methodist Church

Every year, the Church is required to audit and update the membership and records.

In the next month or so, you will be asked to confirm your membership of Rivercourt Methodist Church. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to remain a member or consider yourself not to be a member, the Church needs to know if you still wish the Church to keep in contact with you and if so, what information you want the Church to hold about you and how you wish to be contacted.

If you are unable to attend Church physically, the Church leadership would like to know if you are interested in attending services and events on line via zoom.

You will receive a form shortly asking these questions for you to complete and return to the church.

Thank you's:

Steve & Vicky for leading and coordinating the Sunday Supper service. Your commitment and dedication to this cause inspiration.

Juliana

Margaret for all her help in decorating the Church for Easter. The Easter basket was spectacular.

Juliana

The Tongan community for making the Easter celebrations so stunning. The decoration and food was fantastic.

Please pray

for:

All those Church members who are unable to come to Church.

The family and friends of all our church members who have passed away.

The family and friends of John Bridges as they continue to mourn his sudden passing.



**Our prayers are
with you all**

A message from the editor

Happy Easter Rivercourt family!

Did you make it to church over Holy week or on Easter Sunday? What wonderfully enriching services they were. The message, the decoration and the atmosphere. It was all so magical. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Easter celebrations a success.

If you want to contribute to the newsletter please contact me via phone or email. Details below:

Email- office@rivercourt.org.uk (Put the word 'Newsletter' in the subject line)

Stay safe, stay well, stay connected!

Kindest regards

Juliana

Services in the coming period

Sunday 07th April

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Ms Valu Bullen

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Thursday 11th April

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Christina Akinyele

Sunday 14th April- Holy Communion

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Steve's Team

Thursday 18th April

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Sunday 21st April

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Mr Monty Grigg

Team on Duty: Juliana's Team

Thursday 25th April

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Mr Fe'ao Vunipola

Sunday 28th April

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Dr. Jongi Zihle

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Thursday 02nd May

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, TBC

Sunday 05TH May - Holy Communion

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Juliana's Team

Don't Forget!

- **Open Doors - Every Thursday from 10.30am – 2.30pm,** Rivercourt will be open for those people who want to come inside for warmth, friendship, fellowship, hot drinks and light refreshments. Church members and visitors are welcome.
- Every Thursday afternoon from 12.30pm we have a lunchtime service led by different ministers and lay preachers. The service lasts for about 45 minutes and is followed by a bring and share lunch.
- If you are a Rivercourt member and you have difficulty getting to/from a Church activity you can book a taxi and claim the expenses. Please obtain a receipt.
- If you want Rivercourt to keep in touch with you, please complete the Keeping in Contact form at the back of the Church and hand it in to one of us.
- If you want Rivercourt's contact details, there are cards at the back of the Church with all of Rivercourt's details on – please take one for your reference.
- Would you like the flower display dedicated to you for a birthday celebration, wedding anniversary etc.? If so, you can make a donation to cover the cost of the display on your special Sunday. There is a flower rota, calendar on the notice board in the lounge area. Please fill in your name along the date you want to donate and give your donation to Betty.
- Envelopes in the lounge - If you wish to make a donation for a specific cause, please put in an envelope – marked with who you wish to donate to and put in the collection- i.e. Ukraine appeal, Rivercourt sinking fund etc.