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### Year of Testimony

The Methodist Church this year is focusing on testimony - on sharing our stories about God and how God works in our lives.

It might sound a scary prospect but we share stories every day when we talk to people, tell them where we've been or where we are going, what we've had for breakfast or what we plan to have for lunch!

Sharing our stories of God seems more scary because we make ourselves a little bit vulnerable when we talk about something that matters so much, but it's okay to be a bit vulnerable & Church is a safe space where people want to hear your story and hear it with love and grace.

Your story probably isn't one of blinding lights and big dramatic altar call experiences (but if it is that's great we want to hear that too!), most people's stories of how God is working in their lives are pretty ordinary seeming. It might be that your story is about how your faith has changed from when you were a teenager to now; it might be that you noticed God in the care you received this week from a nurse or a healthcare assistant; it might be that you felt God's presence through a regular visit from a pastoral visitor and you were encouraged by that; it could be that there's a hymn or a view of the sea that reminds you of when you were struggling with your faith but God didn't leave you.

It's your story and it could be any number of things but I am absolutely confident it will be a story of how God is working in your life which will help or encourage someone else who hears it.

There are still slots for people to share their testimony's until the end of November so please think about sharing it at church one of the Sunday's I'm preaching. It doesn't need to be more than 4 or 5 minutes and I'll help you to write it out and work out what it is you want to say.

Talk to me or one of the church stewards about it. If you want some inspiration The Methodist Church have made a

website <https://thestoryproject.org.uk/>

if the internet isn't your thing I've got lots of copies of Connexion magazine which this quarter is focusing on 'What's the story?' There'll be some at church feel free to take a copy.

Also watch out for special events and ideas about Stories/ Testimonies I've the next couple of months !

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“From John Wesley's *Thoughts Upon Methodism* (1786)

‘I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit and discipline with which they first set out.’”

## **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**9.30 a.m. - Ms. K. Dykes**

**6.30 p.m. - Rev. S. Greenwood**

### **Readings:-**

Jeremiah Ch. 4 v 11-12, 22-28

1 Timothy Ch. 1 v 12-17

Luke Ch. 15 v 1-10

**Prayer Diary:-** Carpet Bowls, Leadership Team, Foodbank, Lay Worker and Group C.

### **Services next week 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019**

**9.30 a.m. – Rev. C. Hamilton**

**6.30 p.m. – Mr. R. Mapplebeck**

### **Readings:-**

Jeremiah Ch.8; 18 – 9 v 1

1 Timothy Ch. 2 v 1-7

Luke Ch. 16 v 1-13

### **NEARLY SHOE BOX TIME!!**

We will be collecting Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets will be available in Crush Hall from September onwards. Completed boxes to be handed in by 3<sup>rd</sup> November. More details from Lillian Jones.

### **COLLECTION FOR REFUGEES**

The Collection for the refugees this month will be packets of dried soup. Thankyou.

### **YEAR BOOKS FOR 2019/2020**

These are now available in the Crush Hall at £1 each.

Correction to the Year Book. There is a change to an e-mail Richard Cooper should now read [richgill27@gmail.com](mailto:richgill27@gmail.com)

Rev. Charity would like to everyone for their prayers, cards, offers of help, for the warm positive messages, and love whilst I've been poorly. I'm feeling a bit better, and hope I'll be back with you super soon! If you need a minister over the next week please contact Revd Christopher Wood-Archer or Revd Sue Greenwood."