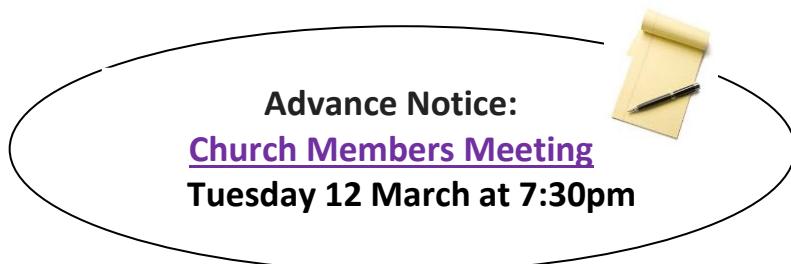




## Flower Rota

Please see the rota in the vestibule  
for January and February

*There are currently quite a few gaps so if you would like to provide the church flowers please fill in your name on the rota or contact Pat Morris*



**Advance Notice:**  
Church Members Meeting  
Tuesday 12 March at 7:30pm

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**January – February 2019**

*Have a very  
Happy and Blessed  
New Year*



**Messy Church**  
**Epiphany Party!**  
Thursday 3 January  
3:30pm – 5:45pm approx.  
*Fun & Games based on the visit of the Three Wise Men*  
Come and bring a child!



**Quarterly Bring and Share Buffet Lunch**  
**Sunday 13 January at 12:30pm**

## **A New Year message from Rev David Bracken**

As we come to the end of 2018 and enter 2019, some of us will look back over the past year with fondness, whereas others will be glad to see the back of 2018. For some it has been a good year, for others it has been a year of loss, whether that be health, a loved one or otherwise. Each of us has faced situations together or alone that have tried us and for some of us at least, trying situations continue. Many if not all are hoping that 2019 will hold better things in store.

In Israel's history, they had times of great joy and times of sorrow. Since their inception and growth from a tribe to a nation there were many highs and lows. They went from being a great nation to captives in a foreign land. Yet this was not the end of their story. There came a time when God brought them back from captivity back to their land. There came a time when some (not all) returned to their land where once they lived.

Shortly after their return, they began to rebuild the Temple of God that had been destroyed. These returned captives of whom many would have been born in captivity set out to lay the foundation of a new Temple. We are told in Ezra when they laid the foundation, the priests stood with trumpets and cymbals to praise and give thanks to the Lord. Yet while this was going on the older men who had known the glory of the old Temple wept, while many shouted for joy.

Let each of us together look forward to the future, with expectancy and anticipation. As we enter 2019 may our eyes be firmly on the Lord. Some of us may be entering 2019 with trepidation, others with hope and joy. Some like these older men in Ezra may remember the past glories of this church, and lament at where it is now. Wherever we may stand at this moment in time let us fix our eyes together on Jesus. Let us not look back at the past with sorrow but look to the future in God and encourage ourselves together in the Lord for He alone should be our strength. Let us seek His will together and set our hearts with all diligence to do as He commands us.

Pray

### **Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays 2, 16 & 30 January

Wednesdays 13 & 27 February

7:30 – 8:30pm *in the Choir Vestry*

### **Home Group**

Wednesdays 9 & 23 January

Wednesdays 6 & 20 February

7:30pm *at venues announced on Sundays*



### **Worship Group Practice**

Thursdays 17 & 31 January

Thursdays 14 & 28 February

7:30 – 8:30pm *in the Jubilee Hall*

### **Craft Club**

Every Friday

10:00am – 12:00 noon *in the Jubilee Hall*



### **Women's Bible Study**

Friday 18 January

Fridays 1 & 15 February

10:30 – 11:30am *in the Choir Vestry*

### **Communion**

Sunday 6 January at 6:00pm

Sunday 20 January at 11:00am

Sunday 3 February at 6:00pm

Sunday 17 February at 11:00am

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**Why not try a new group activity for 2019 ???**