



2018
 Goffs Oak Methodist Church
 Celebrating 150 years
 Church Carpet Fundraising Appeal

As everyone can see, the carpets in our Church have seen better days.
 As part of our 2018 initiatives, we are hoping to replace them with:

New carpet in the sanctuary, including the dais
 Carpet tiles in the rear of the church, which is used by many external groups

The estimated cost of the project is £3,500 and we are hoping to achieve this target in time for the new carpets to be in place at our 150th anniversary service on 21st October.

Donation envelopes are available in the vestibule - please give generously.
 And if you can Gift Aid your donation, so much the better!

Thank you.

Church Flowers

As you know, for some time now Joy Evangelou has been arranging our flowers for the first Sunday in each month. We are very grateful to Joy for the time she has given the Church in this way, and for sharing her wonderful gift of choice of colours and arrangements.

Looking forward, Joy wants to reduce her efforts, and will therefore be arranging the flowers only for special occasions. This means that we need to provide and arrange the flowers more often (that is, assuming that we want flowers in the Church?).

Although we have a selection of silk flowers which are very good for "filling in" when flowers die, and make the arrangements last longer, to resort to solely artificial flowers would be disappointing. We want to show God's wonderful creation in our Church!

I am asking therefore, that people volunteer to take a turn on the flower rota. Last year only five people took a turn, and three others gave donations to help pay the cost. Please think about this and, if you are able, add your name to the new rota.

Or alternatively give me a cash donation to help offset the cost.

Thank you, Barbara Hall

Please note that any notices required to appear in the next News Sheet should be forwarded to Lesley Batts by 7pm on Thursdays.

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**News sheet
 Sunday 28th January
 2018**

We do hope you enjoy your time with us today

Look out for details of all the events taking place over the coming months, leading up to our anniversary in October 2018



Circuit Prayers

This Sunday we are asked to pray for all those who attend Edmonton Methodist Church in our circuit.

Week commencing...

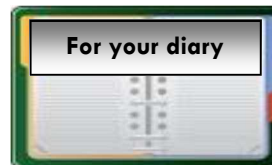
Sunday 28th January	10.15am	Service with Mrs Joanne Mead The Sunday Club
		There is no service this evening
Monday 29th	6.30pm	Beavers in the Scout HQ
Tuesday 30th	10.00am to 12	Weekly Open Church Coffee Morning. Do drop in for a chat and refreshments. All are welcome.
	6.45pm	Cub Scouts in the Scout HQ
Wednesday 31st	7.30pm	Scouts' meeting in the Scout HQ
Thursday 1st February	6.00pm 7.30pm	Brownies Guides
Friday 2nd	6.30pm	Rainbows
Sunday 4th February	10.15am	Service of Holy Communion with Rev. Alan Combes The Sunday Club
	4.00pm	United Service , shared with and held at St. James's Church, Goffs Oak, led by Rev. Alan Combes

Len Pick

We are very sad to announce that Len passed away, very suddenly and peacefully, on Friday 19th January. Len was a steward at our Church and started the men's fellowship. Please remember Margaret and the family in your prayers.

The Sunday Club is for children aged 3 and over. Younger children are most welcome to spend time in the left hand bay at the front of the Church, where there are toys and colouring books.

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after morning service



Sunday 11th February at 10.15am.

As part of our 150th anniversary celebrations, each 'Second Sunday' there will be a special guest preacher. This Sunday we will welcome back **Rev. Stephanie Hibberd**.

Tuesday 13th February	12.00.	After the Coffee Morning a new monthly prayer initiative, will commence. ' Second Tuesday Prayers ', led by Rev. Alan Combes, is designed to put into God's hands all that we are and all we seek to do in God's name. Come regularly or drop in when you can, you are always welcome. Alternatively pray at home at the same time.
Monday 19th February	7.30pm.	Lent Bible Study commences at the church. All are welcome.
Saturday 24th February	10.30am to 3.30pm.	A Lent Quiet Day Reflecting on Mission , led by Rev Alan Combes. All are welcome.
Friday 2nd March	10.30am.	Women's World Day of Prayer which we are hosting here at GOMC. All are welcome, not just women!

For notices, see overleaf >>>>

'Second' Sunday services

We will be having a "bring and share" lunch after each service, the first of which will be on 11th February (see above). I have put a sheet on the notice board for everyone to indicate if they are coming and what you will bring. This will be a guide, for example to make sure there are sufficient chairs/plates/cutlery. Please stay for lunch even if you haven't put your name on the list and/or you can't bring food. It doesn't matter as there is always plenty! Thank you, Barbara Hall.

Prayer List

On the table in the Church vestibule there is a list where you can write your prayer requests, which will then be prayed for during the Sunday services. Alternatively, ring Barbara Hall (01707 872472) for inclusion in the prayer chain.