
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.

The trustees in alphabetic order are:

Joan Bennett

Vanessa Brackett

Frances Brown

James Goode

Juliana Goode

Monty Grigg

Steve Lawrence

Kwaku Tiekou



Dates For Your Diary

July 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	31	01	02	03	04

August 2024

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
29	30	31	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	31	01

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 14th July., 12.30pm

Second Sunday, bring and
share lunch at Rivercourt

Wed 17th July.,7.30pm

Rivercourt Trustee Meeting

Sunday 21st July at 6.00pm

Farewell Service for Rev
Nigel Cowgill at Hinde St
Methodist Church

Thur 18th July., 2.15pm

Film and Faith viewing (see
item)

Sun 4th Aug., 12.30pm

Church Council Meeting

Thur 25th July., 10.45pm

Film and Faith discussion
(see item)

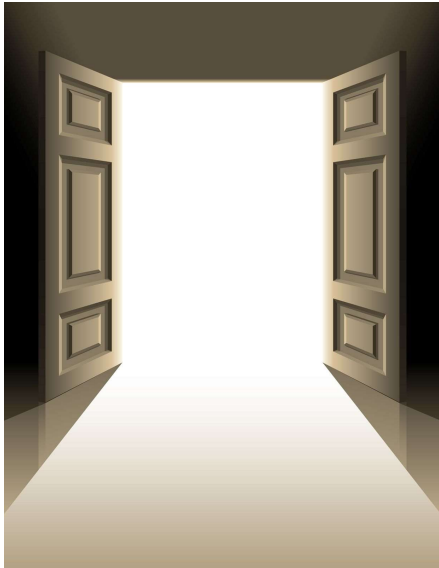
Sat 10th Aug.,

Circuit Outing to Eastbourne

Wed 21st Aug., 7pm

Welcome service for Revd
Dr Jonathan Dean at
Wesley's Chapel

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.

Film and Faith – July 2024

In **July** the Film and Faith group plan to watch and discuss the movie, *“The Last Bus”*.

Tom, an elderly widower, uses his trusty free bus pass to take a series of local buses on a deeply nostalgic trip across the length of the UK, from John o’Groats to Land’s End.

As usual, the film is available to watch for free on BBC iPlayer.

OR you can watch it on other streaming platforms. (They may charge a small fee.)

OR you can watch the film with friends at Rivercourt on Thursday 18th July at 14.15. There is no charge.



Please watch the film before you come to the discussion.

The film is rated 12A.

We will meet to discuss “The Last Bus” at Rivercourt on Thursday 25th July 2024, 10.45 - 12.15.

At each discussion meeting you are invited to make a *voluntary* donation (we suggest £2) to help with costs and raise money for charity.

Join us at 14.15 on 18th July to watch the movie then come to the discussion at 10.45 on 25th July.

Do join us, share your opinions and make new friends.

What's going on at Rivercourt?

Communications/Knowing what's going on/Keeping in Contact

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Act states that individuals have to provide what contact details they want organisations to have about themselves and give their permission for who is allowed to use them and for what purpose. . It is a legal requirement that this information is reviewed and consent resought annually.

In the next month or so, the Church Administrators will be asking everyone to complete and sign a form providing the information that they are willing to share with the leadership of the Church, that is; the Minister, Trustees, Safeguarding Officer, Pastoral Secretary and the Administrators of Rivercourt Church. The information will be used to keep you informed on any events planned.

If you do not wish Rivercourt to have any information about you, or for anyone from the Church to make contact with you, you should indicate this on the form and return the form to the church.

Rivercourt will store the original data forms in a secure place. Your data will not be given to or shared with any third parties.

Rivercourt Methodist Church has a Website, Facebook account and a WhatsApp group. The Church is

developing its on line presence and may develop other social media accounts. The Church is using electronic means of contact more and if you do not have access to a computer and/or email, if you want to be kept informed, the church knows how you can be contacted.

The Methodist Church has a very comprehensive Privacy Policy regarding data which can be viewed on the website. www.methodist.org.uk. We can provide printed copies of this if anyone wishes.

Inclusion on any communication platform such as email or distribution list and WhatsApp for the circulation of information such as newsletters or events cannot happen without a completed and signed data consent form.



WhatsApp

07469 597 186 Rivercourt Methodist Church

The Church now has a dedicated mobile phone. During May, the Church WhatsApp group will transfer to the Rivercourt mobile. To participate in the WhatsApp group, you must give your consent, this complies with Data Protection legislation. Pam, the Administrator responsible for Congregation and Worship support will manage the WhatsApp group. Forms will be emailed/given out to people to complete and return during May. The existing WhatsApp group will be discontinued and deleted at the end of May. Sign up now, so you don't miss out.

Rivercourt Email Addresses

The Church now has dedicated email addresses for the different activities.

For lettings related queries, the email address is rivercourt.lettings@outlook.com

For queries related to the ministry of the Church, the email address is rivercourt.ministry@outlook.com

Church Working Party

Another working party is scheduled to take place soon. Volunteers will be needed to work at the church to have a general sort out, tidy up and clean!! Please think about how you might be able to help. Even if it's making cups of tea/coffee for others.

Sunday 21st July at 6.00pm there is a Farewell Service for Rev Nigel Cowgill at Hinde St Methodist Church. London W1. Rev Nigel Cowgill is one of the current District Chairs for London. He is stepping down from September this year and will be taking on different responsibilities in the methodist Church. Rev Nigel has been very supportive of Rivercourt over the years.

Thank you's:

All the Church volunteers who give their time to the work and service of the Church

Juliana

Fiona for all the time and effort she puts into Film and Faith. Those who attend greatly enjoy the sessions and all that you do.

Juliana

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 Patience Swaray as they mourn her passing.



**Our prayers are
with you all**

A message from the editor

Happy New Month Rivercourt family!

As you can see this newsletter covers two months; July and August. As such let me wish you all an amazing summer!

The newsletter will resume in September so if you have any items, you want included then please contact me using the details below:

Email- rivercourt.ministry@outlook.com (Put the word 'Newsletter' in the subject line)

Stay safe, stay well, stay connected!

Kindest regards

Juliana

Services in the coming period

Sunday 07th July

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Thursday 11th July

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Sunday 14th July - Holy Communion

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Juliana's Team

Thursday 18th July

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

Sunday 21st July

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Mr Monty Grigg

Team on Duty: Steve's Team

Thursday 25th July

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Sunday 28th July

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Marilyn Neufville

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Thursday 01st August

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Revd Marilyn Neufville

Sunday 04th August – Holy Communion

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Juliana's Team

Thursday 08th August

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm
Preacher, Mr Monty Grigg

Sunday 11th August

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am
Preacher, Ms Valu Bullen

Team on Duty: Steve's Team

Thursday 15th August

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm

Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Sunday 18th August

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am

Preacher, Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Thursday 22nd August

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm

Preacher, Revd Marilyn Neufville

Sunday 25th August

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am

Preacher, Mr Fe'ao Vunipola

Team on Duty: Steve's Team

Thursday 29th August

Rivercourt Church worship at 12.30pm

Preacher, Mr Monty Grigg

Sunday 01st September

Rivercourt Church worship at 11am

Preacher, TBC

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.