**News from the Pews**

Chipping Norton Methodist Church –May 2023

Dear Friends.

**Preachers for May Sunday 7th May** Rev James Skinner **Sunday 14th May**  Penny Fowler **Sunday 21st May**  Local Arrangement – café church - Sunday **28th May** Rev Andrew Biggs with Holy communion

**New Fellowship Group** This meets next on Thursday 4th May at 2-30pm. The speaker will be Joyce Rice from the Baptist Church. All are most welcome.

**Used stamps** Chris Strata has confirmed that the Leprosy Mission no longer collects used stamps. The society has found that the demand for purchasing used stamps from them has decreased.  Chris thanks all who have saved stamps over the years for their support

**“God is Love unites us”** On Monday June 5th at 7pm we will be offering the opportunity to discuss further the issues raised by the report “God in Love Unites Us” and look at the next stage which affects us. There will be more details but it is very important that as many people as possible attend the meeting at church.

**Volunteers for technology** We desperately need volunteers to a) put PowerPoint presentations together; b) be a computer operator; c) someone to help out with sound and d) a camera operator so we can stream services. Basically we need more people than Herb and Maggie to be involved – training will be given and you won’t be needed every week.

**Church teas with WOWI** The Methodist Church and WOWI are celebrating the Coronation on Sunday 7th May with Cuppa, Cake and Chat (a quiz too).  Join us from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Please let Celia Storry know if you are coming.

**Christian Aid** Sunday 14th May - Christian Aid Service led by Mrs Penny Fowler. Gift envelopes in pews and please Gift Aid donations if you are able. Please take a Daily Devotional booklet to use during Christian Aid Week.
Wednesday 3rd May - Charity Cuppa and Chat for Christian Aid
Chastleton Teas for Christian Aid. Dates waiting to be confirmed but offers of help with serving teas and baking cakes very much appreciated in readiness to Val Fletcher 01608 645 036 or valfletcher@talktalk.net

**Welsh Male Voice Choir charity concert-**On June 3rd we welcome Cwmdare Voices who feature former members of Bryncoch Male Voice choir who have visited us before. The concert will be in the Town Hall at 7-00pm and tickets are £7-50 available from Elaine P or myself. Proceeds will be shared between our church and Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

**Me and My Girl** Last chance to get tickets Me and My Girl. Thursday 11th May at 7-30pm, Friday 12th May at 7-30pm and Saturday 13th at 2-30pm and 7-30pm from the Theatre.

**And finally** Two men went hunting and shot a deer at the same time. Since they used the same kind of gun and there was only one bullet entry wound in the deer they started arguing over who shot the deer. They sought help from the park ranger who happened to be passing by. After examining the deer the ranger said “The preacher shot the deer. The two men were surprised and asked how he knew one of them was a preacher. “It is very simple” he said “the bullet entered one ear of the deer and went straight out through the other ear.” **Martin Hannant**