

VALE MISSION newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024



Thought for the month

God with us
Psalm 23:4

“What is at the core of my faith?” Sandra, a vicar, asked herself. During one “terrible year” she began to understand more clearly. She moved to a demanding new parish, her father died suddenly, she underwent major surgery and then her mother also died unexpectedly. “I simply couldn’t go on, and was off work for nearly five months.”

Sandra felt like everything was stripped away—except the familiar verse from Psalm 23: “Even though I walk through the darkest valley... you are with me;” (Psalm 23:4). From then on, she clung to the words: “You are with me” as a life-rope, holding onto God through all the turbulence and uncertainty.

In the years since, as Sandra has found hope in God and recovered personally and professionally, she has kept at the heart of her life this simple but profound truth: “God is with you”. In this, she echoes David’s assurance that God would never leave him as he walked “even... through the darkest valley” while escaping from his enemies in the wilderness.

We too can find comfort and hope in God’s assurance that He will guide us, refresh our souls and envelop us in His goodness and love all the days of our lives (vv. 3, 6). Truly, God is with us.

What's on this month?

Sundays:

10.45am: Singing time before morning service

11am – 12pm: Morning service, including Communion and Sunday School classes

6.20pm: Singing time before evening service

6.30pm – 7.30pm: Evening service, followed by refreshments

Wednesdays: 7.30pm – 9pm: Prayer time & Bible Study

Sunday Services

3rd (morning): Tim Henry

3rd (evening): Victor Lane

10th (morning): Ben

10th (evening): Rod Ferbrache

17th (morning): Steve

17th (evening): Tim Henry

24th (morning): Dan

24th (evening): Dave Battle

Wednesdays

6th: Prayer time & Bible study (Dan)

13th: Prayer time & Bible study (Mark)

20th: Singing visit to La Nouvelle

Maraitaine, followed by Bible Study at Vale Mission (Steve)

27th: Prayer for the Persecuted Church (Ben), followed by a time of singing

Afternoon Ladies Fellowship: Thursday 21st, 2.30pm at Vale Mission

Elders & Deacons prayer time: Friday 29th, 7.30pm at Ben's

Next Men's Breakfast: Saturday 7th December, 9.30am at Vale Mission

Cleaning rota

3rd: Bridget

10th: Jayne

17th: Mo

24th: Tracy

Flower rota

3rd: Tracy

10th: Joey

17th: Bridget

24th: Michele

Creche rota

3rd: Kelly & Jayne

10th: Bridget & Matt

17th: Joey & Bish

24th: Tracy & Rachel

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QUIZ EVENING

Friday 15th November, 7.30pm start – Ploughman's Supper provided