

Winterslow Methodist Church

Sunday Worship starts at 10 am

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With a number of fine days and breezy weather I started to think that I could start doing some fieldwork. With some grassland to plough up, I needed to get a contractor in to spray it off, but with the stiff breeze blowing that can't be done. I follow the local weather forecasts, and look at accu weather web site to try to discover a dry calm day.

At last an 8-10 hour window of calm dry weather was on the horizon, so I rang my contractor and fortunately he was able to respond, and the task was done. So as soon as the grass shows signs of dying off I can start ploughing it in, to plant barley, this is part of a crop rotation.

Then there was storm 'Ciara' that has blown quite a lot of trees down and caused a lot of damage to fences and buildings.

I had to call upon Rob for some help, as I had sustained an injury in unusual circumstances, which I will enlarge on now.

The Methodist church services, are taken by either, an Ordained Minister (vicar) or a trained lay preacher. But every three months a list of planned preachers is produced for the Salisbury Circuit, and on one of the Sunday's there is an entry in the plan that says 'Local Arrangement'. That means its down to that church to take the service and as I received training to lead worship some time ago I usually take the lead and ask other members of the congregation to contribute. Sunday 19th January was one of these days I was preparing to take the service (perhaps a little hurriedly) I went to move the pulpit chair, tripped over the edge of the wheel chair ramp, and fell on the chair I was moving. I got up onto my feet slightly winded and in pain, I carried on with the service and then went to A & E. As suspected I had broken a back rib, which is why I have been physically challenged over the past month and had to accept help, for which I am very grateful. Ironically the theme of the service and my talk was 'Thankfulness'. I posed the question "What have we got to thank God for". If we believe in God as our creator, then the list is endless, even the negative things that life throws at us can open up new horizons & challenges for us!

Blessings
Ivan

Preacher for Mar '20 10am

1st Mrs Sue Holmes
8th Rev Paul Rees **Holy Communion**
15th Rev Jane Taylor
22nd Local Arrangement
29th Rev Tom Grant

You are invited to our monthly
'Common Ground' Coffee morning
21st March 2020
10am-12 noon
Methodist Hall
Coffee/Tea, cake & a chat with friends