

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

- 5th **3pm** **Covenant Service with Holy Communion**
led by Rev Andrew Biggs
- 12th **11am** **Morning Service** led by Rev Gill Crippen
(Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus)
- 19th **11am** **Morning Service** led by Rev Dr Stephen Blake
- 26th **11am** **Morning Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson
Preacher: Rev David Cook

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Chapel Zoom on Sundays at 7.30pm

- 5th **No Zoom**
- 12th Godfrey Nicholson
- 19th Nola Webster
- 26th Ann Hopkins

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Thursday Fellowship in January

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WESTCOTE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

Join us for our

COVENANT SERVICE

Sunday, 5th January 2025

3pm

led by Rev Andrew Biggs

No: 420

JANUARY 2025

WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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VILLAGE BOOK SWAP AND COFFEE

Thursday 2 January 2025

10.30am to 12 noon at Westcote Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 12 JANUARY 2025

If you can, please stay after the service for a few minutes to pray for our families, friends, church family and our neighbours.

Busy Bees

The Busy Bees are now starting to collect/make items for the 2025 Christmas shoeboxes! If during the year you have any shoeboxes you don't need, we would be very grateful to have them. Thank you.

Hazel's Greeting Cards

During January, all proceeds from the sale of Hazel's cards (available at the back of the chapel) will go to North Cotswold Foodbank

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please let one of the stewards know.

REV A S ARULRAJ (ARUL) UPDATE

Many of you will know that Westcote Chapel supports Arul, a pastor in the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean. He is now 74 and lives with his wife Jaya in Betapur. They have 4 grown up children. He is diabetic and has heart and kidney health issues.

Arul is not paid but continues to serve two churches – in Port Blair and Betapur – and regularly runs leadership training courses for about 15 ministers. The support we send is used to cover travelling expenses and to provide basic items for the ministers he supports (such as pens, notebooks, shoes and shirts, etc) and also to help the poor.

Life is not easy as they live in an area prone to earthquakes and often have no water for several days at a time. In the rainy season they get many snakes. Alcoholism and idol worship cause many problems. It is very difficult to be a Christian where Arul lives and there is often opposition when preaching the gospel. In the past Arul has been imprisoned and mistreated, and had property destroyed.

Please remember Arul and his family in your prayers. Our support is one way we can show Christian kindness to someone we've never met and help them in their work for the Lord. Thank you.

Helen B

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Hebrews 13 v 8