Dear friends of Bishop Auckland Methodist Church,

This has been an unexpected and challenging six months that has seen the world shaken by a pandemic, and the church shaken by first of all closure and then restricted re-opening.

What the next six months will have in store is still somewhat unknown, but the church is open, and we are there for you, but in perhaps less traditional ways. It would help me in the planning to know your thoughts, and I ask that you take a few moments to answer the questionnaire on the reverse of this page – and return it to me.

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-3**

We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm.

I, like Paul writing to the church in Thessalonica, thank God for you and daily hold you in my prayers. Each day Vanessa and I use the daily reflections, and faithfully pray not only for the needs of the world, but also for the church, and for all in trouble or distress. In prayer we also remember how your faith was put into practice and how your love – for God and your neighbours – made you work so hard. And we pray that in these days your hope may remain strong and firm in our Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you, and all whom you love and care for, and as Paul was bold enough to ask – *Pray also for us, friends. 1 Thessalonians 5:25*

Rev. John

23, Cockton Hill Road

Tel. 01388 603142

Email. [john.purdy@methodist.org.uk](mailto:john.purdy@methodist.org.uk)

Please indicate what resources you have used and how helpful they have been

Never used very helpful

Thursday service – in church at 9.30am **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Sunday service –

* in church at 11am **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**
* on radio 105.9 BishopFM **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**
* on church website **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**
* on telephone (436815) **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**
* Zoom service at 6pm **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Daily reflections –

* on church website **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**
* on telephone (436810) **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Prayer Labyrinth – in church garden **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Weekly Newsletter – on website/email **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

(if you would like to subscribe – add your email here ……………………………. )

Website – news and message board **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Facebook posts by Rev John **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Money Course / Meaningful Ageing Course on Zoom **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Methodist Way of Life **N/A 1 2 3 4 5**

Would you be interested in a Zoom bible study? – add your email here ………………..

Would you be interested in a Methodist Way of Life small group? – just get in touch

What suggestions would you make in addition?

*This questionnaire is also available on the website – and can be returned by email*