 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 20th December 2020**



**If you have anything you want to share with the fellowship week by week please email it to Kath by Tuesday evening or ring and we will try to include it on the next weekly sheet.**

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**Westfield elders invite you to use the readings, prayers and reflections at 10.30am Sunday morning to help us worship together in Spirit. This week Wyke Christian Council church leaders and Neil & Glynis share with us.**

Sunday 20th December

6 pm Carols by candlelight Kath

Christmas Day 25th December

**10.30am (please note the new time)**

Andrew including communion.

Sunday 27th December 9.30am Prayers

10.30am Morning service Robin

A very Happy and Blessed Christmas

and A Peaceful, Healthy & Happy New Year

to you and your family & friends.

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**Please take extra booklets to deliver to neighbours, friends or family with a Happy Christmas from Westfield.**

**Today we have put boxes with a Nativity Happy Christmas card, lifewords booklets, a children’s nativity colouring sheet and homemade star biscuits in by the church entrance for anyone passing by this morning to take with our good wishes from Westfield fellowship. We hope in this small way it will give a message of hope to those out walking past.**

**Basil’s memories (22)**

Xian is the old capital of China and is the old China with a modern surface. Wide roads j am-packed with traffic going in every direction. First we went through a welcoming ceremony at the main entrance through the city wall. The wall is a precise rectangular design about 12 feet thick. We, along with two others of our party rode old fashioned ‘sit-up-and-beg’ bikes around the cobbled wall a total of 9 miles. It certainly pleased me when we returned to the Shangri La Golden Flower hotel and enjoyed a ‘western’ meal. (I never did like Chinese food or chopsticks.) I’ll lend you some chopsticks if you’d like to have a go. Silly name really because the last thing they do is chop!

The city is very urban but rural china is very close – acres of rice paddy fields just beyond the city centre. Early on the next day we were off to see one of the wonders of the ancient times – the terra-cotta army. The first glimpse of the massed terra-cotta figures takes your breath away. Five huge pits containing hundreds and hundreds of warriors, lined up in military detail, each different from the next, plus horses and chariots galore. Nothing short of astounding, I had my photo taken backed by this army, reading a copy of the Telegraph and Argus. (the T & A were doing a series of photos of the paper in remote places). Of course the tourist industry makes the discovery with models of all kinds. One in particular stood out – a solid silver replica of the ornate leading chariot with four galloping horses costing thousands. The problem was that you were not allowed to take it out of the country.

It was a relief to go back to our base for a ‘smashing’ western buffet meal and the evening show. The Chinese certainly know how to ‘lay it on’ for their visitors. They can’t do enough for you. I even received my key to the city which hangs in my home. Xian is big and brash but there is a lot to see to admire and excite, especially, like elsewhere there are crowds of people everywhere. You never see a China man alone. There are always another ten close at hand.

We took another two hour flight to the modern capital of Beijing where they were busily preparing for the next Olympics (2008) see you there.

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Noticeboard witness:

For those not walking past church

this week’s poster is

God loves you.

He sent His Son for you and me

at Christmas.

Oh come let us adore Him.

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**please look at the calendar for future information or ring any elder Marjorie, Pauline, Neil, Glynis or Kath.**