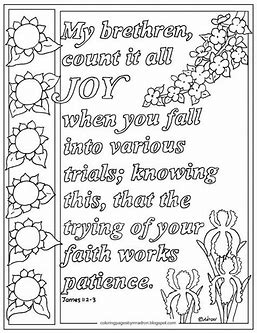
 **Westfield URC**

**Weekly Notice Sheet**

**For 31st January 2021**



**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 Neil & Glynis share with us.**

Newsletters are available next week. Thankyou to all who have contributed and a big thankyou to Marjorie for producing these every 2 months.

If you have a poem or a notice about an event or have anything you want to share please let Marjorie have the item by the date advertised in the current newsletter.

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**If you need someone to pray with, a chat or need any help Please ring any elder.**

**A big thankyou to Neil and Glynis for preparing the bread and wine for our communion services last year.**

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Due to the current lockdown & URC advice and the roll out of the vaccine we aim to reopen on Sunday 21st February for the first Sunday in Lent.

For when we can open again:

Could you help by reading the bible passages? **Please let Pauline know**

Could you help by welcoming people socially distanced near the entrance? **Please let Marjorie know**

Could you help by being the 2nd person in Shine on a rota? **Please let Kath know.**

**Basil’s memories (28)**

In 1979 a young man named Peter Atkinson won a scholarship at the Tasmania Police Academy. He won a six months tour of the UK to study the policy and procedure dealing with illegal drugs. He arrived at the London Police HQ early in 1980 and soon moved to Wakefield. Being a Christian he sought others and as a result he visited a meeting of the Christian Police Association. He was accommodated at the Police Training School, Wakefield. – very basic and empty of students at the weekends. He was hoping to find some ‘homely digs’. To cut the story short, Alice and I offered to take him in and he arrived the following day.

He stayed with us until his return to Tasmania in early July. Of course he had to fulfil his study obligations and disappeared for three or four days on a number of occasions whilst visiting Police HQs throughout the country. He was readily accepted amongst our family and the young people at church. We in turn learned about his family including his girlfriend – Karen. We missed him when he had to go.

We kept in touch by post. It was the post which gave birth to our longest adventure. In Spring 1981 we received a familiar envelope from ‘down under’ but larger than usual. It included an invitation to attend the wedding of Peter and Karen on 29th August 1981. I think it was a full half hour before Alice and I had decided we were going to accept the invitation! I was working in Brighouse at the time so I called at the travel agents there. They had plenty about Australia but nothing on Tasmania. From the start they were very helpful and together we worked out a timetable. Whilst deciding the route outward would be via Europe, Middle East and South Asia it would be good sense to continue eastward and complete the circumnavigation via Hawaii and Los Angeles. That was my plan which worked to a T. From then on we became ‘all rounders’. The first leg of the journey was to start at 9.30 pm on Tuesday 24th August 1981 when we left Heathrow on a Quantas jumbo jet with about 450 passengers and crew. After about 2 hours the stewards were about to serve a meal when suddenly the captain interrupted on the tannoy “I’m sorry but we have a problem with an oil leak. I have cut out one engine (of four) and we are going back to London”.

What happened next? Three days to the wedding!! Hold your breath. *BPH*

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Noticeboard witness:

For those not walking past church

this week’s poster is

“Wherever you go I will go.

Your people will be my people

and your God my God ”

Ruth 1 v 17

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