

# Sandon Road Methodist Church.

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The good news is that, thanks to the Governments relaxation of Gift Aid allowances, we can now claim tax relief on virtually all of our collections, not just the envelopes.

News and views. We've had two sessions since the last newsletter but we covered, segregated seating, male/female, in universities; aggressive bus drivers stopped across the church drive; professional beggars; food banks and charity shops; euthanasia for seriously/terminally ill children; and by contrast, children growing up to soon; single parents (I think we have been there before); 'experimental' death sentence procedure in USA; are politicians entitled to a private life; what is Methodism? All that and still time to have a drink and a bacon roll. Next session is 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Because of the cost of newspapers and refreshments we will have to make a charge of £1 from now on. Where can you get refreshments, a read and a chat for less than that? Yes, I know about Waitrose and John Lewis, but T&Cs apply.

We also discussed the possibility of running some form of basic/easy/starter 'bible' type class for the newer, or existing, members who wish to learn a bit more about the bible. It is not meant to be an in depth discussion about the bible, more of a look at how it relates to modern life. The idea is still embryonic at the moment.

The residents of Milton Court came to our Youth Carol Service and thoroughly enjoyed it. This is a good example of outreach into the community, we must nurture this opportunity and look for others.

Valerie's and Judith's afternoon tea raised £227, as this was joint venture with Warley Woods and Sandon Road, the proceeds were shared between them. £s coming in and lbs going on, now where's that diet sheet, again?

### Diary Dates:

10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2014. Property/Finance Committee. 7:30  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2014. News and Views. 10:00am to 11:30am  
16<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2014. Church Service 10:45 then AGM 11:30  
8<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2014. Church Council. 7:30  
4<sup>th</sup> May. 2014. Church Anniversary and Gift Day. 11:00

### Wrinklies Puzzle.

**Last month's puzzle(64):** Lucy met a pig and a goat in the woods and asked them what day it was, knowing full well that pigs always tell lies on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and goats always tell lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The pig said "Yesterday was one of my lying days". The goat said "Yesterday was one of my lying days too". So what day is it?

**Answer:** Thursday. The goat is lying!

**This months's puzzle(92):** An antiques dealer was thinking about how to improve her profits for the day. She looked at a Victorian clock she was selling for a 5% profit. She worked out that if she had bought it for 10% less and sold it at the same price, she would have made £15 profit. How much did she buy it for in the first place?

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