



	<p><b>IN TOUCH</b>  <u>No DC 031</u>  <u>19 January</u>  <u>2024</u></p>		
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1		<p><b><u>COVENANT SUNDAY</u></b>      <b>this week –</b>  <b>a most wonderful asset of Methodism</b></p>
2	<p><b><u>BIBLE</u></b>  <b><u>STUDY</u></b></p>	<p>This week's Bible Study will take place at Doreen &amp; Phil's home on Tuesday at 2.30pm</p>
3.	<p><b>Steward</b></p>	<p><b>Please see Pauline, Kathy, Deny, Dave, Trevor or Geoff if you feel that you have a calling to be a steward. The move to our present home has lessened so many of the duties, it is not arduous and mainly revolves around Sunday duties, please give this your earnest consideration.</b>  <b>We need fresh ideas, new blood !</b></p>
4.		<p>I appreciated, the Christmas gift I received from the church, it was very welcome thank you so much.      <b>HEATHER</b></p>
5	<p><b>PRAYERS</b></p> 	<p>We have recently been seeking prayers for the <b>Rev Ann</b> in her battle for health, the operation is due on January 30<sup>th</sup> - please keep them rolling!</p> <p><b>Rev Jayne</b> – how much do we value our own minister?  4 churches, deputy Circuit Superintendency, deep floods in Tewkesbury, many illnesses, visits and calls, zoom meetings, 5 funerals since Christmas with all that special nurturing!  Methodism is very demanding of reports, procedures and protocols – they all come at a price!</p> <p>I have been privy to much more of these dealings in the past 18 months and it is appalling how far from the original appeal of ministry and "the calling" the ministers have been forced to undertake.</p> <p>I know that Jayne will not complain and she will protest about me saying all this!  <b>BUT -</b>  <b>1 Corinthinans 13</b>  'All you need to remember is that <b>God will never let</b> you down; <b>he'll never let</b> you be pushed past your limit; <b>he'll</b> always be there to help you come through it'.</p> <p><b>BUT – We can help just a bit with--- our prayers!!!!!!</b>  <b>YOUR SENIOR STEWARD</b></p>