



Monthly Newsletter

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## December 2025

### GOD'S FINGERPRINTS

I have recently had a total knee replacement and, I must say, it has been quite a journey, but through it all, I have been so aware of God walking closely beside me, and also Peter taking great care of me. In the week before the operation, I caught a cold and my blood pressure rocketed.

I was anxious that the surgery would be postponed. I was reminded of the verse in Philippians 4:6-7 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' The operation did go ahead, despite my blood pressure still being very high.

Throughout this experience, it has taught me to be more trusting in God's loving care and provision, keeping my eyes fixed on Him.

It's a 4 – 6 week recovery period and sometimes I have felt extremely weak. Another verse popped into my head from 2 Corinthians 12:9 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Last week the physio was pleased with my progress and I am feeling stronger and more confident each day, now discarding the crutches

indoors. It has been a lesson in trust throughout the whole experience. I have felt God's presence in a very real way and have seen His fingerprints on many occasions, when I know He has been so close, encouraging me, strengthening me and loving me through it all.

I was told to lie on my back in bed with my kneecap facing the ceiling. I never lie in this position to go to sleep, so this has resulted in me each night lying awake for several hours at a time. At first this frustrated me, then I decided to thank God for this situation and He whispered to me, that these long, quiet hours in the middle of the night, could be used to commune with Him and to be praying for others. It worked a treat, instead of frustration, I felt His closeness. Let's all try and turn difficult times into times of thankfulness and blessing. Another example of God leaving His fingerprints for us to experience. I hope you will be surprised how often you can find His fingerprints in your life, that perhaps you missed before.

During my recuperation, I had a birthday. I am now 78 but have a 5 week old knee, so I'm ready and excited for the next chapter in my life that God has prepared for me.

Janet Wastall





# What's On—December 2025

## Monday 1st

MBC Café—open to all  
10.30am—12pm

## Friday 5th

MBC Café—open to all  
10am—12pm

## Sunday 7th

10.30am Morning Service  
With Helen Barton

## Monday 8th

MBC Café—open to all  
10.30am—12pm

## Friday 12th

Jack & Jill's baby & toddler  
10am—11.30am With a special  
visitor



## Sunday 14th

10.30am Baptism  
Service

With Jez & Rob

## Monday 15th

MBC Café—open to all  
10.30am—12pm

## Friday 19th

MBC Café—open to all  
10.30am—12pm

6pm Fire Station Carols

## Sunday 21st

3pm Carol Service

With Ruth & Mark—wear a  
Christmas jumper/costume!

## Christmas Day

10am Service

With Graham Clarke

## Sunday 28th

10.30am Morning Service

With Andy Godfrey



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