

Our opening service on 25<sup>th</sup> September was part of our campaign for RISE UP against domestic abuse. I have now taken 3 large collections of toiletries, cleaning items and nappies to the Refuge. They were particularly grateful as they had run out of nappies. Thank you to all members and to those in the church who have contributed. We will continue to collect for them.

On 30<sup>th</sup> October, 24 attended the interesting talk about Life in Algeria by Wendy Ouali.

The evening group had a Desert Island Discs Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> October with thanks to Katy and Jenny for organising it. Then on 12<sup>th</sup> November, Rev John Squires will speak to us. Our evening Christmas Get Together will be at Jennie Sly's on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Our next afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November when Penny Walters will talk about 'Called or Collared'. Then on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will have our Christmas lunch at Stanley Park Golf Club arriving 1pm for 1.30pm. As this is our last Sentinel of the year, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

### **Theme – Transformation Now –Women's equality and Empowerment**

*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. Psalm 23:1-3.*

When our lives are dull and dry, the colour drained by the demands we face, Lord, lead us to pastures green. Transform our parched souls into abundant places of fruitfulness with your verdant refreshment. Shelter us in leafy shade. Restore us in times of dryness by the waters of the Spirit as we soak in your Word. Plant us in fertile places. Transform our barrenness into lives that will produce a vibrant harvest of faith.

Surely your goodness and mercy will colour all the days of our lives, until we dwell in your house forevermore. Amen.

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