

HISTORY OF EMC. A copy of a recent Archive descriptive list, which includes some interesting material, is on the right hand table at the back in case anyone would like to have a look. Feel free to borrow it.
Sheila Himsworth

A NEW NEWSLETTER from Tanzania, 19 pages in length, giving details of the activities of the CARPENTER'S KIDS PROGRAM throughout 2016 has arrived! If anyone would like to borrow it for a few days to read it, please see me and I will pass it to you.
John Teare

ADVANCE NOTICE. There will be a BBQ in the Manse Garden on Saturday, 13 May from 12 noon onwards. Details nearer the time.

A WORK-IN will happen at the church on Saturday 6 May from 9 – 12 in order to do the many jobs which now need attention. So, get your diaries out, note the date and come along even if you can only spare a short time to help; it will be appreciated! A list of jobs planned to be tackled will be on the notice board in the church shortly.

LARGE REDUNDANT SUITCASE? If anyone has one (with wheels) which could be used for transporting charity goods and does not need it back could they let me know.
David Haslam

ReIMAGINE. You are invited to a meeting with Rev Trey Hall on Tuesday April 11 at 2.30 in Bidford Methodist Church. This meeting is open to all.

NO OTHER WAY. This is a service of Sung Evening Prayer and music and reflection for Holy Week. It will be held on the evening of Palm Sunday April 9 at 6.00 pm in St Peter's Bengeworth with the Evesham United Choir. All are welcome.

SCISSORS. Sheila Himsworth is still waiting patiently for the return of a large pair of scissors to the flower room. They have been missing now for several weeks.

Items for notices should be placed in the tartan box by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday or emailed to all three of the following by 12 noon on Thursday
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EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 2 April 2017, Lent 5

PASSION SUNDAY

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam.

6.30 pm Cafe Church. Rev Audrey Simpson

We welcome you to Worship today and especially welcome any visitors. We serve tea and coffee after the service in the Welcome Area. Do stay and meet together with us. **Sunday Club** for school aged children and a crèche are usually available after the opening part of the service.



In your prayers this week please remember:

- those conducting worship throughout the Circuit
- those who are victims of war and famine
- those who struggle to keep churches open.

Circuit Prayer from Bidford: Father of all mankind, who in your great love gave your only Son for the world's salvation: give us such a vision of the cross of Jesus and of all that he has done for us that we may turn to you in true repentance, acknowledging our unworthiness, pouring contempt on all our pride and offering our lives back to you: so that henceforth we may serve you in the power and joy of his resurrection, for the glory of your name.
Amen.

The Welcome Area of our church is usually open for tea and coffee on:-

Monday–Thursday 10.30–12.30, Friday 11.00–12.30 and Saturday 10.30–12 noon.



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WEEK beginning 3.4.17

Monday	7.30 pm	Lent Lecture, All Saints (see below)
Tuesday	9.45 am 2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Women's Fellowship. Talk by Tony Caldwell Bible Study
Wednesday	12 noon 2.00 pm	Midweek Communion Wesley Guild outing to Mucknell Abbey
Friday	10.30 am 12 noon 6.30 pm 7.30 pm 4.15 – 6.15	Shoppers' Service - Deacon Don Pritchard Super Soup Bell Practice Choir Practice Friday Film Night
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Own Arrangement. First Fifteen Mrs Sheila Brown

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Mary Leedham in memory of John.

SUNDAY CLUB. Thank you to everyone who supported the Sunday Club cake sale last Sunday. We raised £50.20 for WWF.

SAUSAGES AND SKITTLES. Sunday Club are holding this annual event on Friday 7 April at Bengeworth Social Club, Coronation Street, from 6.30 pm. If you would like to join us, I need to know numbers **today** for catering purposes, so please speak to me in church or on 832318. Thank you.
Tracey Lamb

GIFT ENVELOPES. Would members of the Scheme please note that the continuation supply of envelopes is available for collection **TODAY**.

THE RETIRING COLLECTION two weeks ago (19/03/17) raised £705 for the East Africa Appeal and more money has come in since then. The money will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. There is a further opportunity to donate today if you missed last week. There are plates at the back of the church or you can see John Powney or one of the stewards. Please remember that the government will match any donations which we send.

SOUPS will be served in the Welcome Area on Friday, 7 April from midday. All home made! When you've enjoyed the Super Soups, please make a donation to Christian Aid. Hope you can come.
Sheila Himsworth and Viv Jones

LENT OPPORTUNITIES:

DISCUSSIONS: With Rev Dr Anthony Harvey and Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, on Thursday - 6 April at Willersey Methodist Church at 7 pm.

CHRISTIAN AID: For **Count Your Blessings** sheets for Lent, see the Mission Table

EVESHAM LENT SERIES "For now we see in a mirror dimly". The speaker on Monday April 3 at All Saints will be Sarah Cooke, Psychotherapist and Adviser on Pastoral Care and Counselling to the Bishop of Worcester.

ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT. HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS for JESUS MY BOY? An ideal addition to Holy Week reflections, the performance is on Tuesday 11 April, 7:30 p.m. here at EMC. All tickets are priced at £10 and will be on sale in the Welcome Area following the Morning Service, or contact Steve Barritt (792139) or Eric Jones (48788).

EASTER BREAKFAST of hot cross buns and hot drinks will be served in the Welcome Area after the 8.30 am service on Easter Sunday. Please sign the list in the Welcome area **by Palm Sunday** if you wish to partake of this meal.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS. Sheila Himsworth badly needs your help on Good Friday for the Walk of Witness. Churches Together in Evesham is again organising Stations of the Cross in Evesham town and we have been allocated the site outside Barclay's. Sheila hopes to focus on the Refugee crisis as an interpretation of our subjects HOPE and FAMILY based on Jesus' words to the repentant thief and his care for his Mother. She needs help with carrying a table etc and setting up a small display. She can't do it all by herself, so offers of help and support will be very welcome.

HOLIDAY CLUB PLANNING. On Tuesday April 11 between 10.00 - 1.30 pm there will be a one day Holiday Club at the Church with an Easter theme. *James Knott*

EASTER OFFERING. Easter Offering envelopes will be in Church on Palm Sunday 9 April and Easter Sunday 16 April for the work of World Missions. Please make any cheques payable to Stratford and Evesham Methodist Missions. *Carol Watton*

WEDNESDAY LUNCH. Please note that the next lunch will be on Wednesday 12 April. Names please to Mary Leedham by Sunday 9 April.

CHURCH FLOWERS. As fewer people are able to arrange their own flowers these days I suggest we have a Rota of arrangers as well as donors. If some of you would be willing to join such a Rota and arrange flowers, say once in every two months, please let me know.
Sheila Himsworth