

IMPORTANT DATE FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS - EVESHAM GENERAL

CHURCH MEETING – Sunday 14th May after Morning Service

As well as discussing many aspects of Church Life, this Annual Meeting is responsible for appointing and reappointing several Church Officers especially **Church Stewards** for which there are several vacancies this year. Two stewards are on duty at every Sunday service to prepare the Church and welcome the Preacher and the congregation as well as fulfilling many other roles behind the scenes and during the week. Ideally 8 stewards are needed to “spread the load” but it is several years since we had a full quota. Please consider this role very carefully and talk to the present stewards for more details. Stewards do need to be Church members. A Nomination list is on the board in the Welcome Area. All are Welcome to attend the Church Meeting although voting is restricted to Church Members.

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

CHRISTIAN AID Viv will be pleased to receive your **Patches** for the Quilt to celebrate 60 years of the work of CA by 23 April. The Quilt will be touring Cathedrals round the country starting in Birmingham. Further info from Viv (01386 48788)

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

PALM SUNDAY 9 April 2017, Lent 5

10.30 am Own Arrangement

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Bengeworth

6.30 pm Evening Service, Mrs Sheila Brown

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 suffering from various disasters this week.

Circuit Prayer from Welford . Loving God, we pray that you will be with us on our journey through this Holy week.

As we join with the crowd to share in the shout of "Hosanna", as we read of the disciples receiving bread and wine from the hand of Jesus and as we stand at the foot of the cross in deep sorrow. In all this may we reflect on the gift of your son who came among us full of grace and truth May we see Jesus. 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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HOLY WEEK beginning 10.4.17

Monday	1.30 – 3.30pm	Junior Messy Church : Easter and New Life
Tuesday	9.45 am 10.30-1.30 7.30pm	Sunbeams Holiday Club <i>Play Jesus My Boy (see below)</i>
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion Wednesday Lunch
Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion, with symbolic shoe washing
Good Friday	10.00 am 11.00 am	Good Friday Service followed by Walk of Witness with Stations of the Cross (see below) Coffee in the Welcome Area after.
Holy Saturday	7.00 pm	Vigil and Meditation (see below)
Easter Sunday	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy communion, Rev Israel Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Mr Stephen Barritt
Mon, Tues,&Weds	5.00 - 5.40 pm	Vespers with address and Hymn at All Saints

FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given by Eileen Meads.

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

RE-IMAGINE All are invited to an important meeting at Bidford Methodist Church, **2.30 pm on Tuesday 11 April**. The Rev Trey Hall, a minister from the United Methodist Church USA, and now our District Mission Enabler, will speak about *Nurturing Mission Shaped Churches*.

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.

ONLY 2 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 TODAY if you wish to partake of this meal.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS. 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. We will 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. Help with carrying a table etc and setting up a small display will be very welcome, about 9.30 am

Sheila Himsworth

HOLIDAY CLUB 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 are now in Church and will be available again on 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 today..

HOLY SATURDAY, 15 APRIL

There will be a meditative vigil service at 7 pm with chants, short reflections and prayers. If anyone has a story of 'waiting on a long Saturday before experiencing the Easter', poem, reflection etc., please let me know. There will be an opportunity to pray with candle lit for someone waiting for the dawn.

Israel Selvanayagam

A BIG THANK YOU from Marguerite - Margie - for all your good wishes, cards, gifts and flowers to celebrate my big Birthday. I had a lovely weekend with a celebration at Shoppers' Service, a fabulous family party on Saturday, and then Mothering Sunday. Special thanks to Anne Nicholas for her Shoppers' Service cake - delicious and awe-inspiring!!

BIBLE STUDY

The next session is on Tuesday 2nd May. Wednesday sessions are suspended until a consensus is reached. A catch up session is possible if there is a collective interest.