

CHURCH FLOWERS. The flower fund has unfortunately run into debt due to purchases for special occasions such as Easter and Christmas. Small donations would be very welcome, perhaps those who do not usually contribute might like to help cover this.
Sheila Himsworth

THE WELFORD LECTURES continue this year on the theme of Talking about God. They start at 4.00 pm and finish at 5.30 pm with a short tea break in the middle on the following dates:

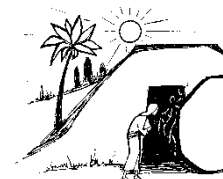
21 May Rev Professor Frances Young – Myth, metaphor and parable
4 June Rev Dr. Neil Richardson – Continuity from the Old Testament to the New
11 June Ann Conway Jones - When Moses met God on Mount Sinai.
Further details on the notice board in the Welcome Area.

CHRISTIAN AID. Please come and share a Big Brekkie here at church at 9.15 on Sunday, 21 May. The local shops are providing our breakfast and donations will be taken up for Christian Aid. Sign the notice in the Welcome Area if you hope to be there and let's really make it a Big Brekkie. Thanks, Viv.

Christian Aid have realised that they didn't give folk enough time to make their 'patches' for the quilt. As a result they are extending the deadline to 31 July and the quilt will tour the Cathedrals in the autumn. So, enjoy yourselves and get patching.

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



EASTER 3 April 30 2017

**10.30 am James Knott
6.30 pm Own Arrangement**

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 working for peace throughout the world
- those who are full of anxiety.

Prayer from Willersey: Risen Lord, our fellow traveller, thank you for joining us and talking to us. Help us to explore the nature of this pilgrimage and not to think it a package tour. At moments of confusion give us clarity, of anxiety your assurance, and of obscurity your vision. Let our reflections on your word on the way set our hearts on fire. Make us humble to receive the broken bread from your hands and open our eyes to realise that you belong to all. May we be open for such surprises again until our journey ends. 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 10.30–12noon.



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Week beginning 1.5.17

Tuesday	9.45 am 2.30 pm 7.30- 9.00 pm	Sunbeams Women's Fellowship Summer Tea Bible Study
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
Thursday	7 am -10 pm	Council Elections
Friday	10.30 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service – Mrs Pamela Randle Bell Practice Choir Practice
Saturday	9.00-12.00	Work-in (see below)
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr Eric Lott and Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam – Holy Communion. Café Church led by Rev. Brenda Morton

FLOWERS. Flowers this week were given by Linda and Philip Richardson.

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

EASTER OFFERING. Easter Offering envelopes are **still** available now in church for the work of World Missions. Please make any cheques payable to Stratford and Evesham Methodist Missions. **EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION** will be on Sunday 21 May, 6.30 pm at Stratford. Preacher the Rev Ian Howarth, District Chair. Refreshments from 5.00 pm.
Carol Watton

CHRISTIAN AID. Don't get too excited, but Christian Aid Week is fast approaching and I know how eager you all are to be involved in the door to door collections. Well, the list is up for you to sign for the road of your choice, so hurry and get signing or you might miss out. Christian Aid really does need your help, funds are low while the need is great, so if you have any time between 14-20 May, then please do sign up. Thanks.

Please note : the donations for Super Soup are now £260. An excellent result!

Viv Jones

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

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 job planned to be tackled will be on the notice board in the church shortly.

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

IMPORTANT DATE FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS:

EVESHAM GENERAL CHURCH MEETING – Sunday 14 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 we 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.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH. Please note that if you wish to have lunch on Wednesday May 17, you will need to give your name to Sheila Weary 47267 or Mary Leedham 44610

THANKS FOR THE CASES, can you help fill them please...? The reason for asking for large cases was that my dad is taking me on a special educational visit to Tanzania in May, including visiting St Jude's school. We are hoping to take the cases full of educational materials (the airline has agreed) so if anyone has anything they could contribute, please put in the Welcome Area box. (I do have school permission and the are also contributing).
Martha Haslam Cooke

WELCOME PACKS. There is a supply of Welcome Packs in the rack in the Welcome Area which are intended for new people who wish to join us on a regular basis. These contain a copy of the current Circuit Plan, the Monthly Church Bulletin, the latest Church Magazine, a Church History Leaflet and a Church Handbook. These are all available separately on the tables at the back of the church or from the racks in the Welcome Area. If you require one of these and cannot find one, please ask and one will be found or printed specially for you. Please do NOT tamper with the Welcome Packs and remove individual items from them.
John Teare

JUNE CHURCH MAGAZINE. John Teare will be pleased to receive your articles by May 14.

POLLING STATION. Reminder that the Worship Area will be in use as a Polling Station on Thursday 4 May 2017 and access will be restricted to those involved in voting.