

**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*

**AN ECO GATHERING** celebrating God's creation will take place on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Coleman's Hill Farm, Mickleton from 3 – 6 pm. A Keynote address will be given by Deborah Tomkins, Green Christians. See notice in Welcome Area for further details.

## EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

**EASTER 4 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**10.30 am Rev Dr Eric Lott and Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam - Holy Communion**  
**6.30 pm Café Church led by Rev Brenda Morton**

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.
- the smaller churches in our Circuit and their faithful congregations.
- those who cannot attend weekly worship.

**Circuit Prayer from Rev Ros Murphy:** Calling God, on this Vocations Sunday, we pray for all who have heeded your call to serve people in your name, in whatever capacity. We thank you for the insights and strength we have received through their ministry.

We pray for those who listen to the stories of those who feel a call to serve you, that they may make decisions with wisdom and compassion.

May those who enter upon the course of preparation, be guided and enabled to serve you to the best of their ability and strengthened and guided by your Spirit.

In awe and gratitude we reflect on the difference which your eternal presence makes in your kingdom here on earth. 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.



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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**Church website: [www.eveshammethodist.org.uk](http://www.eveshammethodist.org.uk)**

Week beginning 8.5.17

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Sunbeams
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Midweek Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Thursday Group - Bells with Rev Brenda Morton
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>4.15 – 6.15pm</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>	Shoppers' Service – Mr James Knott Friday Film Night Choir Practice
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10 – 2pm</b> <b>From 12 noon</b>	Repair Café in Avonbank Centre BBQ at the Manse (see below)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>  <b>6.30 pm</b>	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam followed by General Church Meeting (see below) Rev Audrey Simpson – Holy Communion

**FLOWERS** this week were given by Lorna Howarth.

**EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE** 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*

**BBQ in Manse Garden, Saturday 13 May:** This is to confirm that it will be held from 12 noon to 3 pm. Basic food to start with (burgers, sausages, chicken pieces with Indian spice, salad, and soft drinks) will be available. Further contributions are welcome. Please bring foldable garden chairs if you have. Back door and side door will be open from 11.30 am. Coveting the joy of your fellowship.

*Israel & Leela*

**EVESHAM GENERAL CHURCH MEETING** – Sunday 14 May after Morning Service.

Within the Notices this week you should receive copies of the Minutes of last year's meeting, the agenda for this year and Rev Israel's annual report. If you wish to refer to these at the meeting next Sunday, please bring them with you as there will be a limited number of spare copies! Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting but only members may vote.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 14-20 MAY**, is fast approaching and I am becoming desperate for collectors so that we can cover our allocation of roads. Please, please, if you can spare a few hours during that week, do put your name on the list and take your bag of goodies from the Welcome Area. All collectors, please take your materials and, at the end of the week, return the bag, collector's guide and badge plus the envelopes collected, unopened, on Sunday, 21 May. Enjoy!

*Viv Jones*

**BIG BREKKIE** Everyone in the congregation is invited to share a Big Brekkie at 9.15 on Sunday, 21 May. The local shops are providing our breakfast and donations will be taken up for Christian Aid. Please sign the list in the Welcome Area if you would like to come and let's make it a real Big Brekkie.

*Viv Jones*

**THANKS** to those who made a 'patch' for the Christian Aid quilt. The deadline for receiving patches has been extended to 31 July, so if you didn't have time before, then do have a go and look forward to seeing your work on show in Cathedrals, starting in the autumn.

**THE BIG SHIFT** This is a **Christian Aid** campaign to persuade the main banks to increase the financing of renewable energy, to stop using our money to finance the extraction and use of fossil fuels and to publish the carbon footprints of their investments and loans. If you would like to support this campaign as an appropriate addition to our Christian Aid week efforts please sign the sheet on the Christian Aid display board.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH** Please note that if you wish to have lunch on Wednesday 17th May you will need to give your name to Sheila Weary 47267 or Mary Leedham 446101 by Sunday 14th May.

**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 they are also contributing).

*Martha Haslam Cooke*

**JUNE CHURCH MAGAZINE** John Teare will be pleased to receive your articles by Monday 14th.

**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.