

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 Saturday June 3 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.

THANK YOU for all the pens and pencils collected over the past 2 years for the Nkanfoa School in Ghana. Diana Bosman is coming to the end of her term of office as District MWiB president so the collection has now stopped. Watch this space for the next project!

EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

EASTER 5 May 14 2017

**10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam - followed by the General Church Meeting
6.30 pm Rev Audrey Simpson. Holy Communion**

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 risk the perilous crossing from Libya
- those who struggle to keep going.

Circuit Prayer from Stratford: Loving father, in this Christian Aid Week we pray for all those who are on this journey with us; our family, our friends, neighbours and those who are, as yet, strangers.

We remember in particular those who travel without the freedoms and security that we enjoy and sometimes take for granted.

May our hearts be open to your promptings to work for a more just sharing of all your good gifts with our brothers and sisters in this creation that you love so much. Amen.

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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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 15.5.17

Tuesday	9.45 am 7.30 – 9 pm	Sunbeams Bible Study
Wednesday	12 noon 1.00 pm	Midweek Communion Wednesday Lunch
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service. Mr Andy Green Choir Practice
Sunday	9.15 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Big Brekkie for Christian Aid Rev David Haslam. All Age Worship Circuit Service. Stratford. (see below)

FLOWERS this week were given by Alan and Barbara Bees in memory of Frank and Margaret Bush.

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

EVESHAM GENERAL CHURCH MEETING, this morning after Morning Service. Within the Notices last week you should have received copies of the Minutes of last year's meeting, the agenda for this year and Rev Israel's annual report. 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

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 investment 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 14 May you will need to give your name to Sheila Weary 47267 or Mary Leedham 44610 by Sunday 14 May (today).

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 (at Welford).

4 June Rev Dr. Neil Richardson – Continuity from the Old Testament to the New. This meeting will be in **Bidford** Methodist Church.

11 June Ann Conway Jones - When Moses met God on Mount Sinai. (at Welford).

Further details on the notice board in the Welcome Area.

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

THANK YOU to the small band of volunteers who turned up to help with various maintenance tasks at EMC last Saturday morning. As usual some jobs were completed, others partially so; however without this sort of voluntary effort the costs of maintaining the church premises would be much greater than currently.

On behalf of the Property Committee, thanks once again for your help. *Richard Ellis*

SUMMER LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP. On Sunday 11 June we are holding a Bring and Share lunch after morning service. Hopefully we shall be able to sit out on the terrace and enjoy good food and fellowship with those you only meet briefly from week to week. Rev Caroline Homan is preaching that morning and we are hoping that she will be able to join us for the lunch as will Rev Israel and Leela. Please sign the list in the Welcome Area if you are able to come and give some indication what you might bring.