

EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

PENTECOST 4 June 2017

10.00 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, Holy Communion
11.00 am Churches Together Service for Pentecost, Workman Gardens
6.30 pm Café Church, Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

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.

WITH REGRET REV DR NEIL RICHARDSON IS UNABLE TO BE WITH US DUE TO ILLNESS. HIS WELFORD LECTURE HAS ALSO HAD TO BE CANCELLED.



In your prayers this week please remember:

- those conducting worship throughout the Circuit.
- those affected in any way by the bombing in Manchester last week
- Coptic Christians in Egypt

Circuit Prayer from: Bidford Holy Spirit of God, great gift of our exalted Lord, on the day of Pentecost you came to the Church. as He promised, to abide with us for ever.

Come to us in your grace and power today, to make Jesus real to us, to teach us more about him, and to deepen our trust in him: that we may be changed into his likeness and be his witnesses in the world, to the glory of God the Father. 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.



CONCERT AT STRATFORD Sat 10 June 7pm Heart of England Recorder Orchestra to present 'Sounds of Summer' a concert of music for Recorder and voice, commencing 7pm. (Don't think school recorders. Many are much bigger instruments and several are as tall as the person playing them!). Tickets £10

MANY THANKS from St Judes School in Arusha, Tanzania, for all the kind gifts you contributed for us to take last week. The school caters on two sites for 1800 children, most of whom have shown real promise but cannot pay fees. They were delighted to receive our three large suitcases of gifts and give us a tour round the school. Thanks again.
Martha and David Haslam

REFUGEES WELCOME Several local towns have such groups, in case refugees – either families or unaccompanied children - arrive there, or to encourage the County Council to offer places. If you are interested in helping to set one up in Evesham please contact Revd David Haslam.

ECO NEWS 8 is now available – thanks to Mark and Richard - please collect a copy from the Mission table by the servery, and if you don't have your Circuit Eco credit card a few are still available at the back of the Church.

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES A Family Networker at Selly Oak Church is required for 25 hours a week and volunteers are needed for the Connexional Grants Ctte and Streams. Details of both of these opportunities are on the board in the Welcome Area.

THE EASTER OFFERING envelopes raised £338.98 for the work of the World Mission. Many thanks to you all for your continued support.
Carol Watton

EYE-WITNESS a meeting at the Quaker Meeting House on Friday, 23 June at 7.30pm 'Stories from the West Bank and Israel' to be told by Maria Huff, newly returned from the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Israel and Palestine. (See poster in the Welcome Area)

POLLING STATION - Reminder that the Worship Area will once again be in use as a Polling Station on 8th June 2017 and access will be restricted to those involved in voting

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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Week beginning 5.6.17

Monday	7.30 pm	Churches Together AGM, Elim Church
Tuesday	9.45 am 2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Women's Fellowship: John Macartney Church Council
Wed'day	10 – 1pm 12 noon	Holiday Club Midweek Communion
Thursday	7.30 pm	Worship Consultation in Hall 1
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service – Eric Jones Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 4 pm 6.30 pm	Rev Caroline Homan, Lunch (see below) Welford Lecture: Ann Conway-Jones Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

FLOWERS this week are given by Mrs Iris Bostwick

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: **Today's lecture is now cancelled** – 'Continuity from the Old Testament to the New': it is hoped this subject may be rescheduled.

11 June Ann Conway Jones - When Moses met God on Mount Sinai. (at Welford). Further details on the notice board in the Welcome Area.

EFFIE PARKES' Funeral and Thanksgiving Service will be on Thursday, 22 June at 2pm In this church, followed by burial in the Waterside Cemetery.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets next on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Welcome Area.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT meets next on Wednesday 14th June at Bidford. The thought will be given by Rev Israel Selvanayagam followed by a fish and chip lunch. £6 with profits going to the District MWiB project. Names please to Sheila Weary by Sun 11th June.

STEWARDS At the end of May, Andy Brister and Anne Yelland both retired from being stewards. We express our thanks to them both for their extended terms of office and for all they have done for the Church in that time. The stewards for the coming year are: Ro Kane as senior steward, Linda Barritt, Steve Barritt, Jean Pritchard, Margaret Voyiagis and Sheila Weary.

CHRISTIAN AID Thanks to all of you who supported Christian Aid Week in any way especially those who willingly (?) volunteered to do the house to house and The Valle collections. The street collections raised £317 while the congregation donated £155. The Big Brekkie went very well, with the food all being provided by the local shops, and those attending generously gave £181. In total we raised £653 plus Gift Aid. This will all go to helping Christian Aid with their vital work.
Viv Jones

EMAIL We currently hold approximately 80 e-mail addresses for members of our congregation which enable us to occasionally write to everyone about general matters e.g., alerts re possible flooding, changes to Service times, District meetings, etc. If there are any members for whom we do not presently hold an e-mail address would you please let John Teare have details of your e-mail address so that we can reach everyone if more of you should the need arise.

WEEKLY NOTICES are now also circulated by e-mail to 41 people. They arrive straight to your Inbox so you can read them on your screen without having to print them out. They will arrive generally between Thursday and Saturday so you get them early and also you still get them if you are unable to get to church for any reason, e.g., holiday or illness. The church is able to print a smaller number for distribution to the congregation so this saves paper and a little time. If you would like to be added to the Circulation List for Notices please see John Teare.

The CIRCUIT ECO TEAM would like to calculate the amount of energy generated by individuals in the Circuit - see Eco News No. 8. If you have installed Solar Panels or Solar Hot Water please advise the Eco Team and, if possible, let them know how much you have generated in the last year. Please send the details to Mark Boulton at markandsonia@gmail.com

CHURCH MAGAZINES for June are now available from the tables at the back of the Church and from the rack in the Welcome Area. As usual we do not charge for these but welcome donations towards cost of printing and paper, suggested amount 50p per copy which can be placed in the red metal box on the table at the back of the church

John Teare