

CONCERT. 'Against the Grain' Concert by Garth Hewitt will be held in Bridge Church, Evesham Road, Redditch B97 4JX on Saturday Sept 30, 7.30 pm.
mikejbrown.mobrown1@blueyonder.co.uk for tickets or contact Rev David Haslam for details.

SHEILA BROWN – RETIREMENT. Sheila Brown, our circuit lay worker is retiring at the end of the month. The farewell service will be at Stratford this evening at 5.30 pm; we are collecting messages and signatures for her card in the Welcome area and there is a collection towards her farewell gift if you would like to contribute. If you will be attending the farewell service, please add your name to the list at the same time – for numbers for tea! Thanks.
Ros Kane

CIRCUIT EVENT. Christian Aid invites you to join The Big Shift on Tuesday September 19 at 7.30 at Stratford when the speaker will be John Cooper from Christian Aid. More details from the poster on the notice board in the Welcome Area.

CREAM TEAS AT THE HAVEN. Thank you to all who supported the Cream Teas last Saturday by their attendance or by generous donations. Grateful thanks to all the many helpers without whom the event would not be possible. As a result of your efforts we were able to send £530 to Action for Children who do such valiant work in supporting the many vulnerable children in our society today.
Lorna Howarth

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

20 August 2017

10.30 am Mr Steve Barritt

5.30 pm Circuit Service in Stratford

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 affected by the floods in Sierra Leone
- those who have to decide the future of the circuit.



Circuit Prayer from Evesham: Gracious God, we give thanks for your abiding presence with us and for sending Jesus to reveal your nature. We pray especially this day for our troubled world, with nations facing continual warfare, poverty and hunger. Bless all who seek to reconcile enemies and bring relief to those in need. We also pray for those who are sad this day through the loss or illness of a dear one. May they feel your comforting presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our loving Lord and Saviour. 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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Week beginning 21.8.17

Monday	1.30 – 3.30	Messy Church. Joseph Part 2
Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
Friday	10.30 am	Shoppers' Service – Andy Green
Saturday	2.30 – 5.00	Circuit Croquet at Willersey
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Songs of Praise

FLOWERS this week were given by Noel and Sylvia Warwick.

MESSY CHURCH. The next event is planned for tomorrow between 1.30 - 3.30 pm
Theme 'Joseph Part 2'.
James Knott

CHURCH HANDBOOKS for 2017/2018 are now available and can be found on the tables at the back of the church. There is no charge for these but we would welcome any donations towards cost of paper and printing which can be placed in the red tin for Magazine donations.
John Teare

Our next **SONGS OF PRAISE** is the evening of 27 August. Please let me or any of the stewards have your ideas and requests. *Ros email: ros.kane99@gmail.com*

CHURCH DOORS. A reminder to everyone using the church, if you are last out please check that all the doors are locked; there have been a number of occasions recently when various doors including the main doors have been left unlocked. Thank you.

THE METHODIST PUBLISHING CATALOGUE for 2017 has arrived and I have placed a copy in the Welcome Area. The items available are far more wide ranging than before as a result of feedback from customers. Please look at the catalogue and, if any of you wish to order any items from it, I will be happy to do this on your behalf. *John Teare*

LOST. A box of instruments have been missing from the Sunday Club cupboard for a few weeks now. If anyone has borrowed them, or knows where they are, can you

please let me know? Also, the key is missing for Cupboard 6, so if that has been inadvertently taken we would be grateful for its return.
Tracy Lamb

CIRCUIT CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP is to be held at Willersey Methodist Church on Saturday 26 August from 2.30 pm. 2 people from every church in our circuit to compete. Please support with Cheer Leaders! The winners get the Circuit Cup for a year! Teas will be served - donations for Willersey church fund. Please join us for a hopefully happy and sunny afternoon before the autumn.
Penny Ingles

MISSION ISSUES. A couple of Sundays ago I suggested a 'missional action' as Revd Trey Hall calls them, a suggestion for something involving mission to be made in each sermon. Out of recent discussions with 'Refugees Welcome' groups around Worcestershire, and local Councillors, I suggested a short letter to your District or County Councillor, raising local shortcomings as a missional issue, and left some information leaflets on the mission table. Almost all of them remain, so it's not too late to pick one up and use it. Also the 'Mission Matters' copies have arrived, giving information about how our contributions are used, please do take one and read the stories.
David Haslam

REFUSE BAGS. If anyone has any spare plastic refuse bags (any colour) we would be pleased to receive them for church use. Please leave them in Cupboard 2 downstairs or in the cupboard off the Welcome Area.
Graham Gooderham

FLOWER ROTA. A new rota for the distribution of church flowers is being drawn up and we would welcome new people to be part of this valuable, and much appreciated pastoral care. It only involves a few hours about four times a year and you do not necessarily need a car. If you would like your name to be added or need further information please see Brenda Powney as soon as possible (760323).

PRAYER HANDBOOK. For those of you who have ordered copies of the Prayer Handbook 2017/18 please note that I have just heard from the suppliers that there has been a delay in despatching these and I will let you have them as soon as I can.
Diane Capel

CONGRATULATIONS to Rebekah and Don on the birth of their daughter on Sunday 13 August. Ariadne Elayna was born at 11.16 am, weighing 8lb 2oz. All are doing well and Archer adores his little sister.