

EVESHAM PRAYER COMPASS There will be a celebration at All Saints on 19 Sept at 7.30 pm hosted by Bishop Robert Paterson. Speaker Russ Parker on 'The Reconciled Heart'. All are welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICES :

CIRCUIT SERVICE at Stratford on 24 Sept will focus on the 70th anniversary of the Church of South India, the first organic unity. There will be gifts and contributions from CSI. Also, tributes will be paid to J.S.M. Hooper, a Methodist mission partner in S. India, a key leader of the formation of CSI who preached the inaugural sermon on 27 Sept. 1947 in Madras, and who retired into Stratford Circuit. There will be a retiring collection towards the cost of an inscription on him in the Book of Remembrance of the Oakley Wood crematorium.

AUTUMN LECTURE of the West Midlands Methodist History Society Saturday, 23 September 2.30 pm at Solihull Methodist Church, Blossomfield Rd, B91 1LG. Speaker the Rev Kenneth G Howcroft, former President of the Methodist Conference '**Can Methodists be Primitive Christians?**'

There will be a Bring and Share Tea to follow. All are welcome.

EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES
Education Sunday 10 September 2017
10.30 am Rev Brenda Morton
6.30 pm Mrs Anne Yelland

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 floods around the world
- the victims of hurricanes

Circuit Prayer for Education Sunday from Israel Selvanayagam

Eternal Educator, instruct us in all truth and enlighten us to live accordingly. Impress upon our minds that fearing you is the beginning of all wisdom. Safeguard our wisdom and knowledge that it may not drift into craftiness. Move us away from following hidden strategies to a matured behaviour of simplicity and straightforwardness. Bless all our educational and training institutions so that those who come out of them become blessings for society, particularly for the vulnerable. Give us the joy of searching, researching and serving. We ask these in the name of our friendly teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Welcome Area of our church is usually open for tea and coffee on; Monday-Thursday 10.30-12.30, Friday 11-12.30 and Saturday 10.30-12 noon

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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 11.9.17

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service, Mrs Pam Randle No Choir
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, Holy Communion

FLOWERS this week were given by Anne and Richard Ellis

PEGGY COVENEY Just a note to let you know that Peggy died peacefully at home as was her wish, this morning (5 Sept), after so many years of being first house-bound and then bed-bound. She will be remembered by many in the circuit, having been circuit steward twice, LP secretary, as well as a preacher for many years.

Ros Murphy

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID. There will be a collection for Christian Aid at Morrisons on Thursday, 14 September. We are desperately short of collectors. Please, please, please, if you can offer just one hour that day, simply to smile and say 'thank you', then please give John Booth a ring on 01386 49408. Many thanks.

Viv. Jones

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP. The first meeting of this session will be a talk on Iceland by Rev Brenda Morton on Tuesday at 2.30.

HARVEST this year will be celebrated on Sunday 1st October. Harvest Gifts will be collected and taken to Caring Hands for use in their lunches and Food Bank. Please see the accompanying leaflet giving details of items that they would be pleased to receive. Monetary gifts for All You Can will also be received. Following the morning service, there will be a Bring and Share lunch where fellowship can be enjoyed as well

as food. Please sign the list in the Welcome Area if you are hoping to attend and give some indication of what you will bring.

THE APPLE SEASON is again with us and this year there is a glut of Cooking Apples in my garden. A supply is now available in a box in the Welcome Area which will be restocked every Friday morning and on Sundays. I do not have the overheads of our big Supermarkets but welcome donations which will be divided between the Carpenter's Kids Emergency Healthcare Fund and the Buigiri School for the Blind in Tanzania.

Please place donations in the box provided.

John Teare

LOCAL PREACHER ACCREDITATION SERVICE. It is with great joy I announce that I have completed and passed the Local Preacher course; Faith and Worship.

This means that there will now be a service to fully recognise me as a Local Preacher. I can confirm this will be on Sunday November 19, 6.00 pm at "The Bridge" in Headless Cross, formerly St Luke's but more recently a Methodist and Anglican L.E.P.

I would be delighted to see friends who can make this service from my Evesham family to recognise this special moment in my preaching ministry. For further details of the location please come and speak with me.

My grateful thanks for your prayers and support in this very exciting journey. Every blessing.

James Knott

Eric Jones adds that for people wishing to go to this service it will be possible to share cars.

SUNDAY CLUB CHILDREN. Please can you remember our Sunday Club children in your prayers this week, as many have big changes in their lives at the beginning of this school year. Archer, Luke and Henry will be starting First School. James Rees is moving up to Middle School. Martha, James Lamb, Hannah and Harvey are moving up to High School. Roberta and James L will be starting their GCSEs. Sarah starts her A Levels and Peter is in his final year. Louis, Robert, Megan and Bethan continue at their present schools. Also remember Ruth, Nel and James from Creche. Thank you.

CHURCH MAGAZINES for September 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

DISASTER FUND two donations have recently been made from the Disaster Fund: viz. £500 to Action Aid in Sierra Leone to help combat the effects of the mud slide and also £1000 to the Red Cross to help with the South Asia floods. Donations to replenish the fund will be welcome.

John Powney