

**RETIREMENT** Sheila Brown would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all who marked her retirement with so many gifts and warm wishes. The beautiful gift and very generous cheque from the circuit was really appreciated (as was the giant courgette) and the Retirement Service was truly special. Thanks to all who made it so and she looks forward to catching up with everyone after her op.

**CIRCUIT PROJECT 'RESTORE'**. The final circuit fund-raising event will be held on the afternoon of Saturday November 4 at Stratford. It will be another Skittles competition, timing to be confirmed. Please note the date. We sent about £2500 to 'Restore' this church year (Sept 2016 – Aug. 2017), with another several hundred via Standing Orders – thanks to all who have supported. We were warmly thanked at Restore AGM in June, and the Day Out visit we organised to Mary Arden Farm in July was covered in 18 local newspapers. *David Haslam*

**SUNDAY CLUB Can you help with Sunday Club? Some of our helpers are standing down due to other commitments so if you would be interested to run or just assist with Sunday Club sessions please speak to Tracey Lamb. This is a great way to get to know the children and youngsters in our church. Rotas are done every 2 months, so generally people assist once or twice within this period, depending on their own circumstances**

**SHOPPING AND EATING ON A BUDGET** Diane Bennett needs volunteers to do a trial run on Friday, 3 November between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm, for a course to help those on a tight budget; at the Vale Christian Centre. Contact Diane by phone :01386 765946 or email <diane@eveshamchristiancentre.co.uk>

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

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

1 October 2017

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Sevanayagam  
6.30 pm Café Church, Rev Audrey Simpson

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 attending worship throughout the circuit and those who are unable to do so.
- the Church of South India, its presbyters and congregations.
- Bangladesh, Myanmar and the Rohingya.

**Circuit Prayer from Mickleton** God of wisdom and compassion, we pray for guidance through the power of the Holy Spirit as we reflect on possibilities for the future of our circuit and our churches.  
Help us to remember that we are about your business of building your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, so that the decisions we make will enable people to be inspired by you, commit their lives to you, be transformed by you so that what they do, say and are reflects the essence of your being.

We pray in the name of Jesus who lived out that way from which we can learn.  
Amen.

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

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Week beginning 2.10.17

<b>Monday</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Messy Church Planning
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Sunbeams
	<b>2.30 pm</b>	Women's Fellowship, Rev Israel Selvanayagam
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Bible Study (see below)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Midweek Communion
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Wesley Guild (see below)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Worship Consultation
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Shoppers' Service – Mr Eric Jones
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Rev David Haslam, Holy Communion
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Rev Audrey Simpson

**FLOWERS** this week were given by James Knott

**HARVEST** Today we have a different arrangement of the chairs similar to the one we had for Christine's Farewell. I hope you do not find it uncongenial and that you will appreciate taking advantage of the flexibility of chairs. We have planned a decorative feature in the centre and at an appropriate point in the Service the youngsters will collect your gifts for Caring Hands and add them tastefully to the design! We look forward to a time of companionship over lunch after the Service. If you forgot to sign up for this and have nothing to add to the Bring and Share you will still be welcome to stay.

*Sheila Himsworth*

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** A Safeguarding Foundation Course is being held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Stratford Methodist Centre. This Foundation Course is aimed at all those working with children or vulnerable adults, such as Pastoral Visitors, Toddler Group leaders, Stewards and Local Preachers. Please sign up for the training on the attendance sheet in the welcome area giving your name, role and contact details or contact Stu Allerton.

*Stu Allerton*

**BIBLE STUDY** This Tuesday the subject will be *Law and Commandments* with references to be found at Exodus 20 vv 1-23. Numbers have been dwindling a bit so do come along and take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about our scriptures and share in discussion

**WESLEY GUILD** The new session of the Wesley Guild begins on Wednesday October 4 at 7.30 in the Welcome Area. The first meeting is a Devotional Evening with our minister Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam. An interesting programme has been arranged for the winter months and anyone who is interested would be most welcome.

**WORSHIP CONSULTATION** will be held on Thursday 5 October at 7.30 in the Welcome Area, to look at dates for the next quarter's Plan.

**SAFARI SUPPER** will take place on Saturday 14 October beginning with starters at Church at 6.30 pm. Main courses and desserts will be served in various homes and cheese and biscuits, coffee and tea will be served back at Church at the end of the evening. Full details are available on the forms in the Welcome Area. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship with other members of the congregation so please consider coming, and speak to Stan or Sheila Weary 47267 for more details. This year, donations received from the supper will be given to the Circuit Project, Restore, to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

*Sheila Weary*

**COLLECTION FOR CALAIS** The emerging Evesham Vale Refugees Welcome Group (EVWRG) as its first activity is organising a collection of food and clothes for the mostly young refugees who still gather round Calais and Dunkirk. This will happen through Worcester's 'People in Motion' and is planned to take place at our church on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> between 11 and 2. More information will appear on the Mission Action notice board and through other routes as it becomes available. Next meeting of EVRWG (pronounced 'everweg') will be on Friday October 6, 11.30 am at EMC. All welcome.

*David Haslam and Don Pritchard*

**DISASTER FUND** A further £1000 has been sent from the Disaster Fund, via the Red Cross, this time to help alleviate the effects of hurricane Irma.

This means that in the last three weeks we have donated a total of £2500 to various disasters - Sierra Leone, South Asia and Hurricane Irma. Donations to replenish the fund will now be very welcome.

*John Powney*

**APPLES** are still available in a box in the Welcome Area which is being re-stocked every Friday and Sunday. I 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*