

CONFIRMATION CLASS. Classes for the youngsters have started. We are willing to run one for adults. Those interested, please let me or a steward know. After a week, depending on the number of those interested, there will be notice for a preparatory meeting in which we will decide on suitable time, topics etc. *Rev Israel*

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*

PRAYER HANDBOOK. Users of this booklet may like to know that Albert Beah, (see Day 2), President of the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone, has died. After a stroke some time ago he insisted on returning to work and was having some treatment in Nigeria when he died. Please pray for Albert's family and MCSL suffering yet another tragedy.

ALL WE CAN COLLECTION. Thank you for donating £188, with gift aid the total will be c. £210. This will help to buy quite a few chickens. A wonderful result.

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

15 October 2017

10.30 am Rev Brian Brown

6.30 pm Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, 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 for whom daily life is a struggle
- those who are victims of famine and drought.



Circuit Prayer from Welford: We pray that as our little church considers our priorities for the next year, our plans to care for others will enable us to live out our commitment to love our neighbours as ourselves. Holy Spirit, guide us in caring for physical issues: as in help for the Birmingham City Mission, and with a collection of tools, wheelchairs, sewing machines to be recycled and shipped to Africa; with faith-deepening and fellowship in our post-Christmas carol service and our Welford lectures, as well as our regular worship.

May we be true to our calling to follow the life and example of Jesus, in whose name we pray 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 16.10.17

Tuesday	9.45 am 7 30 pm	Sunbeams Bible Study
Wednesday	12 noon 1.00 pm	Midweek Communion Wednesday Lunch
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service– Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Mr Steve Barritt

FLOWERS this week were given by Stan and Sheila Weary to celebrate their Ruby Wedding next weekend.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH meets next on Wednesday 18 October. Names please by today Sunday 15 to Brenda Powney 760323.

DR ADRIAN PHILLIPS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE COUNTRYSIDE COMMISSION, will be speaking at the Annual Meeting of **Transition Evesham Vale** at the Fleece, Bretforton, on Tuesday 17 October, 7 pm for supper, speaker 7.30 pm. All welcome to hear this national level speaker.

OPEN HOUSE. Sheila and Stan invite you to join them at 11, St Mark's Close for a cuppa and cake to celebrate their Ruby Wedding. Come between 2 – 4.30 or 7 – 9 pm on Monday 23 October.

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.

WINTER DRAWS ON! As the seasons change, no doubt those lightweight summer clothes will be put to bed until next year, and the winter wardrobe will make its appearance. Why not take the opportunity to sort through your clothes and donate unwanted ones to the British Heart Foundation Charity Shop (books and bric a brac also welcome). To make it easier for you, there will be a large box in the Welcome Area between 22 October and the 5 November, along with donation bags if needed, to pop

your donations into. It couldn't be simpler and you will be helping to raise money for this worthy cause. Thanks in advance.

Viv Jones

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017. You may have seen articles in the local press about this year's appeal which is once again for Teams4U. The idea and items requested are very similar to previous years; leaflets are available in the Welcome Area and the website www.teams4u.com gives you information also. You can support this venture once again by either 1: Completing a box yourself 2.: Donating items to be included via the box in the Welcome Area (which gives ideas of items required) or 3: By making a financial donation (the suggestion is £2.50 per box to cover transport etc). If you have any queries, I will try to help. (Empty Shoeboxes would also be welcome) *Diane Capel*

THE DISASTER FUND has recently donated a total of £3260 to help alleviate the effects of different disasters in various parts of the world and is now in urgent need of replenishment. There will therefore be a retiring collection at church services for the next **two weeks**.

Please be as generous as possible so that we will continue to be able to respond immediately to appeals from around the world.

John Powney

CARPENTER'S KIDS. The latest newsletter has been received from Dodoma in Tanzania and a copy has been placed in the plastic folder on the Notice Board in the Welcome Area. Please feel free to borrow it and read it before returning it, so that others can see it as well.

A new **METHODIST PUBLISHING CATALOGUE** was recently received and a copy placed in the Welcome Area. I have now received a 2nd Edition of the Catalogue, an abbreviated version just 16 pages in length, and this has also been placed with the original copy in the Welcome Area. Please look at it and if you wish to place an order for any of the items I will be happy to do this for you.

John Teare

J.M.A. It's that time of year again when we are looking to lay a mile of pennies in the front of the church for J.M.A. This will take place on Sunday October 29. If you have any coppers to spare, please hand them to Ruth Jones on or before that date. The stewards will keep them safe if Ruth is not available.

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