

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

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.

SAFARI SUPPER Thanks to all who participated and gave so generously. With Gift Aid, Restore should benefit by over £600. October 13th 2018 is the date for next year!

CHURCH COUNCIL meets next on Wed 8th November at 7.30pm in the Welcome Area.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND FOOD FOR THOUGHT are combining next month, on Wed 15th November. The thought will be given by Rev Caroline Homan at 12.45pm and will be followed by a fish and chip lunch, pudding, tea or coffee. The cost will be £6 with all profits going to the Great Ormond Street Neurological Unit, the new MWiB District President's charity. Names please to Sheila Weary by Sunday 12th November.

WORK_IN on 11th November 2017, 9:00am - 12:00noon when we will be seeking to tackle maintenance jobs in and around the church building. If you can make a note and come along to help - even for a short period - it will be appreciated and there will be refreshments provided as well. A notice of the jobs to be tackled will be on the notice board shortly! (Repair Cafe will be meeting but we will work around them)

Richard Ellis

RIDING LIGHTS Devotees of this theatre group will like to know that they are performing their play *Gospel Street* at the Elim Arts Centre, West Malvern WR14 4AY on Weds 22 Nov, at 7.30pm 'Brilliant, insightful, engaging and funny' See Notice Board for more details. [Sorry to miss it!]
Sheila Himsworth

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

22 October 2017

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

6.30 pm Mr Stephen Barritt

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 abuse and their abusers.



Circuit Prayer from Evesham: Ever faithful and unchanging God, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus to show us your love and reveal to us your nature.

We pray especially this day for our troubled world, with so many struggling to survive because of endless wars, hunger, thirst, homelessness and lack of adequate medical care. We also remember before you all those known to us who are unwell and wishing they could be present with us. May they know your comforting presence. We ask all these our prayers in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Saviour. Amen.

NB : CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND!

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 23.10.17

Monday	1.30 – 3.30	Messy Church (see below)
Tuesday	9.45 am 11.30- 1.30p m	Sunbeams Holiday Club (see below)
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
Thursday	7. 30 pm	Thursday Group, Richard Weaver : <i>The Coventrys and Croome</i> Resources Committee, Upper Room
Friday	10.30 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service– Mr Barry Sutcliffe Bells Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mrs Anne Yelland Mrs Sheila Brown

FLOWERS this week are given by Joyce Davey in memory of Martin.

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 tomorrow, Monday 23 October.

BIBLE READING The IBRA Notes for 2018 are available at £10. Each day gives a short Bible passage with comment. I have a sample copy to show you if that would be helpful. Please sign the list on the Notice Board or speak to me if you wish to order.

Lorna Howarth

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 is a large box in the Welcome Area until 5 Nov, 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 **today and next week**. 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.

KEITH ROSS Some of you have been wondering what has happened to Keith. I spoke to his daughter-in-law by 'phone last Weds. He is now in a Care Home in Tavistock, where his son is a GP. He is reasonably well and content. If anyone would like to send greetings the address is Carelake, 4 Whitchurch Rd, Tavistock, PL19 9BB.

Sheila Himsworth

AUTUMN AT EMC On Monday 23rd there will be an afternoon of **fun and games** for children, young people and families between 1.30 - 3.30 where there will be chance to play a few games, listen to a Bible story and decorate and wrap a shoe box ready for dedication at the end of November

On Tuesday, 24th there will be a **holiday club** from 11.30 - 1.30 based on the parables of Jesus and all are welcome

James Knott