

WEDNESDAY LUNCH/FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thank you for the excellent lunch we all shared on Wednesday when about 60 of us sat down for the meal. It was only possible through the willing cooperation of so many of our church members who had set the tables, served us all with fish and chips and made apple crumbles for our sweet course. It was a miracle of organisation which apparently went through so smoothly without a hitch. So a big thank you to all you ladies and gentlemen who helped in any way for a very happy occasion enjoyed not only by our own members but by friends from the circuit too. It was so good seeing and hearing Caroline Homan again enabling us to catch up on all her experiences in Birmingham since she left Evesham.

All in all, a good day to remember.

Lorna Howarth

(PS.Thank you to Lorna for many of the apples in the crumbles!)

CHRISTMAS WEDNESDAY LUNCH will take place on Wed 13 th December.
Names please to Anne Ellis 421549 by Sun 10th Dec.

EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

19th November 2017

10.30 am Rev Israel Selvanayagam

6.30 pm Rev Audrey Simpson – Holy Communion

We welcome you to Worship today and especially welcome any visitors. We serv 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 availabl after the opening part of the service.



In your prayers this week please remember:

- those attending worship throughout the Circuit
- Isla who is being baptised today
- children who are in need and the organisations who strive to give them a better life.

Circuit Prayer by Stratford

Loving Father, help us to pray and come to you as you would have us come, to spend time with you, listening and waiting on your word.

Help us to recognise and use the talents we have been given to serve, support and encourage those around us.

Help us to build each other up and bring us nearer your kingdom on earth, through the redeeming love of Jesus, our Lord, 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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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 20.11.17

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
Thursday	7.30 pm	Thursday Group – members' evening
Friday	10.30 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service – Rev Brenda Morton Bell Practice Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mr Steve Barritt Rev Ian Mead

BAPTISM we are pleased to welcome Isla to be baptised today with her parents Tom Roberts and Claire Philip.

FLOWERS were given today by Jackie Magowan in memory of Wesley.

JAMES KNOTT Your prayers and thoughts are invited for James who is now a trained and qualified Local Preacher. His accreditation service is at 6pm this evening at The Bridge Church, Headless Cross, Redditch. Eleven members of EMC will be there and, of course, we all wish him well.
Eric Jones

THE VESTRY Rev Israel and the stewards ask that you respect the quiet time that most preachers would like for 10 minutes before the service starts, by refraining from coming to or through the Vestry at this time. Thank you.

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

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017 Thank you to all those who have responded to this year's appeal. Can you please note that cut off date is TODAY!
Diane Capel

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

THE CHOIR would be delighted to welcome some reinforcements to sing some items at the carol service, 5pm on December 17. We will begin learning the music on Friday November 17. Come and join us.
Sue Gooderham

YOUR KINGDOM COME An Advent Course using the film "Babette's Feast" will be held in Stratford Methodist Church on Wednesday November 22 at 7.30 when the film will be viewed. On December **5 (Note change of date)**, 13 and 20 Course Sessions will be held, also at 7.30. The course will be led by Rev Ian Mead.

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 Wednesday 22 November, at 7.30 pm. "*Brilliant, insightful, engaging and funny*". See Notice Board for more details.
Sheila Himsworth

MINCE PIES will be given away in the High Street on 2nd December by CTED. If you could donate some to this worthy cause, please leave them, clearly marked, in the upstairs kitchen from Sunday 26th Nov onwards. Thank you.

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be held at St Peter's Church on **Saturday 25th November at 2pm**. See the poster in the Welcome Area for further info. Tickets - £2 - are available from the Salvation Army charity shop on Bridge Street and all proceeds are in aid of Caring Hands.

REFUGEES IN WYCHAVON? So far our District Council has not offered any places to vulnerable Syrian refugees under the Government's 2015 programme. Church Council agreed to approach the Council so please take a Petition sheet from the Mission table and collect your 15 signatures.
Rev David Haslam

A SOUTH INDIA STUDY TRIP, NOT AS TOURIST BUT TRUIST! Leela and I are willing to lead a study trip to South India for two weeks in the second part of January 2019 covering most important centres. The focus will be on the life and witnesses of a minority Church in a multi-religious context, with sightseeing inbuilt. The estimated cost is £1200. Open for members of EMC as well as those across the Circuit. To explain and assess the interest, there will be a meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14th December in the Welcome Area.
Rev Israel