

EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

26 November 2017

10.30 am Mr Steve Barritt

6.30 pm Rev Ian Mead

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.

CHRISTMAS WEDNESDAY LUNCH will take place on Wednesday 13 December. Names please to Anne Ellis 421549 by Sunday 10 December.

HELP WANTED. Is there anyone who is able to help out with the toddlers tea rota.? This involves about 45 minutes on a Tuesday morning making tea and coffee, serving it and washing up. You would be on duty about every 5 weeks. If you are able to help, please speak to Sue Gooderham.

MISSION IN BRITAIN. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent and, as usual, Mission in Britain will be making their annual appeal. Envelopes will be provided and it is hoped that this year we can have a really generous response for this which is our only collection of the year. The work done by Mission in Britain is so valuable and changes the lives of so many people. Thank You. *Elizabeth Pritchard*

QUESTIONNAIRE. By now you should have all received a questionnaire with your Notices. This has been composed by the stewards in response to many shortages of manpower across the life of the church. Please take time to read and consider your response to this questionnaire. Even if you can only commit to something once a month that is better than nothing. We understand that many people are already doing a lot but a few minutes more occasionally would be a BIG help. Please do not complete the questionnaire with things you are already doing but with extra help. The life of this Church depends on us all.

PEOPLE IN MOTION based in Worcester.

This charity working with refugees and through whom we held the recent Clothes Collection for Refugees are always grateful for knitted squares to be made up into blankets. They require 6" x 6" squares in double knitting wool, any colour but preferably not too pale. 35 stitches on old size 8 needles knits up just about right. If anyone would like to help in this project I will willingly receive the squares. Thank you. *Jean Pritchard*

THANKS. I would like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers, visitors and prayers that I received following my foot operation. I am pleased to say that I am now on the mend and getting more active by the day. Looking forward to wearing proper shoes again! *Pauline Gearey*

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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In your prayers this week please remember:

- those attending worship throughout the Circuit
- the people of Zimbabwe
- those who find Christmas difficult.



Circuit Prayer from Henley

O Lord, as the days grow shorter and darker, the news more gloomy, so we look forward to the time of preparation through Advent. St John's gospel tells us "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." We follow Jesus, your son, our Saviour, and so we pray that you will mould our lives, as the potter moulds the clay and form us into lamps lit with the power of the Holy Spirit which can illuminate every dark corner of life through love.

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 27.11.17

Tuesday	9.45 am 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Bible Study
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
Friday	10.30 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service– Rev Audrey Simpson Bell Practice Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, Holy Communion Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, Cafe Church

FLOWERS were given today by Jackie Magowan in memory of Wesley. (Last week's flowers were given by Teresa McPherson in memory of Bob).

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

MINCE PIES will be given away in the High Street on 2 December by Churches Together in Evesham and District. If you could donate some to this worthy cause, please leave them, clearly marked, in the upstairs kitchen from today onwards. Thank you.
Sheila Himsworth

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 14 December in the Welcome Area.
Rev Israel

THANKS. On behalf of the Property Committee I would like to thank the group of stalwarts who turned out on a typical November Saturday morning for our battle with the odd jobs needing to be tackled to keep your church in good order.

Richard Ellis

SUNDAY CLUB CAKE SALE. Thank you to everyone who supported the Sunday Club cake sale. We raised £30, which is being sent to the Elsa Trust. This is a charity working in Kenya, which our children and those from Youphonix (Stratford Methodist Church) heard a talk about in October. The money will buy solar lanterns so that the children can more easily do their homework, rather than using ineffective paraffin lamps.
Tracey Lamb

GRATEFUL THANKS. I want to offer my sincerest thanks to everyone who came and supported me in the special moment last Sunday when I became fully accredited as a Local Preacher. Your presence, warmth and support was felt, as was that of the many others who turned out to witness this special occasion in my preaching ministry. James Knott.

NETWORKER NEWS. My activities in recent weeks have been as busy and varied as ever. I continue to lead assemblies at local schools including Swan Lane and the Vale who are all now busy planning for Christmas. There was a successful film evening in November at which we welcomed another new family! I led our Remembrance Service on the 12th November and am planning the Christingle Service for Christmas Eve. I continue to liaise with new families in the area and helped the Phipps family recently in some of the preparations for the daughter Isla's baptism. I am at Sunbeams every Tuesday; the Sunbeams Christmas party is on December 12 and I will look forward to sharing the Christmas story with them again at this session. Our own young people are going to the RSC on 27 January to see A Christmas Carol and I will have more Networker News in the Notices again next month.
James Knott

FORTHCOMING EVENTS. I am pleased to advise you that the dates for the Welford Lectures 2018 have now been settled and I am letting you have some basic details so that the dates can be marked when you buy a 2018 calendar. The meetings will be on three consecutive Sunday afternoons - May 13, 20 and 27. I cannot imagine that there is much competition for space on Sunday afternoon. The speakers will be Trey Hall, Frances Young and Ann Conway-Jones. The overall heading is "All Change". I will provide more detail in due course but in the meantime we look forward to seeing you all at Welford on 29 December for our usual post Christmas Service.
Alan Cumming

HELP WANTED. Does anyone play an instrument? Would you like to join a group playing at the Christingle on Christmas Eve at 4 pm? If so, please speak to Sue Gooderham who can give you the music to practise.