

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.

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*

TOILET LIGHTS We are in the process of changing the mode of operation of the lights in each of the toilets downstairs in Avonbank. The existing system of pull cord to switch on/off is being replaced with a sensor switch which is activated by person movement. The disabled toilet was converted last week and we hope to convert the gents and ladies this week. The objective is to avoid the situation where lights are left on for long periods when not required due to user groups forgetting to check that they are switched off. Any queries please ask. *Richard Ellis*

THE CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS detailing our services and activities during Advent and the New Year are now available. Please make sure you collect one for yourself before you leave after morning or evening service on Sunday. If you know of anyone in hospital or a care home please take one for them - they may value your visit to see them. Also, if you wish, feel free to take one for delivery to your neighbours.

THE CTED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION held at St Peter's Church last Saturday afternoon raised £1,320 for Caring Hands - an excellent 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

3rd December 2011

FIRST IN ADVENT

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

Baptism and Holy Communion

6.30 pm Café Church led by Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

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
- baby Theo who is being baptised today.
- the people of Zimbabwe and Egypt.

Circuit Prayer from Mickleton: Loving God, as we journey into Advent, we thank you for the insights and inspiration we receive from Jesus, not just as the baby in the manger, but as the rock on which we build, our shield and hiding place, the manna for our hungry souls, our never failing treasury, our shepherd, brother, friend, our prophet priest and king, our Lord, our life, our way, our end. Accept the praise we bring.

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 4.12.17

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| Monday | 2.15 pm | Carol Singing @ Ferry View (see below) |
| Tuesday | 9.45 am 2.30 pm | Sunbeams Women's Fellowship Christmas food and sales table |
| Wednesday | 12 noon 2.30 pm 7.30 pm | Midweek Communion Wesley Guild (see below) Advent Course @ Stratford (see below) |
| Thursday | 2.30 pm | Carol Singing @ Yates Court (see below) |
| Friday | 10.30 am 11.15 am 6.30 pm 7.30 pm | Shoppers' Service– Rev John Beardsley Christmas decorating (see below) Bell Practice Choir Practice |
| Sunday | 10.30 am 6.30 pm | Rev David Haslam AAW Rev Andrew Spurr |

FLOWERS were given today by Margaret Fuller.

BAPTISM We welcome Theo Rees who is being baptised this morning. He is accompanied by his parents, Wendy and Andy, and his brothers and sisters.

MISSION IN BRITAIN This Sunday is 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*

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.

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*

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

CAROL SINGING This year we have offered to go and sing carols at the following venues:

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| Ferry View | Mon 4 th Dec @ 2.30pm |
| Yates Court | Thurs 7 th Dec @ 2.15pm |
| Brompton House, Broadway | Thurs 14 th Dec @ 3 pm |

Anyone is welcome to come, please sign the list in the welcome area or just come along. We shall also be singing carols on the forecourt on Sat 16th Dec from 10.30 am and look forward to seeing you there as well!

WESLEY GUILD The next meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday December 6th and (for this month only) it will be at 2.30 pm. I will be a members meeting and all members are asked to bring a contribution – a poem, story etc. *Elizabeth and Telfryn Pritchard*

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place on Friday 8th Dec from 11.15 am. It would be great if **YOU** would come and help!

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.

SHOEBOX APPEAL Many thanks to all those who have contributed so generously once again, 59 boxes were delivered to the warehouse and I am sure they will be much appreciated when they reach their destination. If you have new slippers for Christmas or a new pair of sandals in the summer please don't throw the boxes away they are always needed. *Diane Capel*

OASIS will be closed from Sat 23rd Dec to Mon 1st Jan inclusive. It will reopen on Tues 2nd Jan 2018.

WELFORD EVENTS The dates for the Welford Lectures 2018 have now been settled. The meetings will be on Sunday afternoons - May 13, 20 and 27. The speakers will be Trey Hall, Frances Young and Ann Conway-Jones. The overall heading is "All Change". We also look forward to seeing you all at Welford on 29 December for our usual post Christmas Service. *Alan Cumming*