

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*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A GOAT? Or maybe contribute to a toilet? On Sunday, 17th December you will have the chance to, as the money we raise on that day will be spent on a specific gift or gifts for our friends in the developing world through Christian Aid. The more money we raise, the more gifts we can give them. And you can choose what gifts we send by selecting from the catalogue (in the foyer). Please give generously using the envelopes provided. Many thanks, *Viv Jones.*

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

10 December 2011

SECOND IN ADVENT

10.30 am Rev David Haslar

6.30 pm Rev Andrew Spur

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
- EU citizens resident in this country, some wrongly threatened with deportation.
- the people of Israel/Palestine.



Circuit Prayer from Bidford Heavenly Father as we are now in the Season of Advent and we prepare for Christmas, help us, in all the busyness of these days, to find time to think of what Christmas really means; of your love for the world, of the coming of the promised Redeemer, of the wonder of the Word made flesh. May we, like Mary, treasure these things and ponder them in our hearts; so that on Christmas Day we may be ready to join in the joyful worship of the Church and give glory to your name. 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 11.12.17

Tuesday	9.45 am 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Bible Study
Wednesday	12 noon 7.30 pm	Midweek Communion Christmas Wednesday Lunch Advent Course @ Stratford (see below)
Thursday	3.00 pm 7.30 pm	Carol Singing @ Brompton House Thursday Group Christmas meal (out) South India Study Trip Meeting (see below)
Friday	10.30 am 4.30-6.00pm 6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service– Mrs Sheila Brown Film, Food and Fun for the young Bell Practice Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 4.30 pm	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Carol Service (see below)

FLOWERS today are given by Mary Berry .

MISSION IN BRITAIN Envelopes are still available for the Mission in Britain annual appeal. 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" is being held in Stratford Methodist Church on December **13** and **20**. Course Sessions will be held at 7.30. The course will be led by Rev Ian Mead.

PETITION FOR REFUGEES IN WYCHAVON This Sunday is the last chance to sign the petition in the Welcome Area, or get others to do so, asking Wychavon Council to accept a small number of Syrian refugees under the Government's scheme. This will be presented next Wednesday.

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 **Today**..

CAROL SINGING This year we have offered to go and sing carols at Brompton House, Broadway Thurs 14th Dec @ 3 pm
Ferry View and Yates Court have also been visited.

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!

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 are also looking forward to seeing you at Welford on 29th December. Just a reminder that this is a Christmas Celebration in carols and readings at 12noon followed by a lunch of bread, cheese and conversation. In the past we have catered for about 30/35 and it is useful to have some idea of how many may come. *Alan Cumming*

C **MAGAZINES FOR DECEMBER** are now available from the tables at the back of the Church and from the rack in the Welcome Area. As usual we do not charge for these but welcome donations towards cost of printing and paper, suggested amount 50p per copy, which can be placed in the red metal box on the table at the back of the church.

CAROL SERVICE on 17th Dec . Please note that the Carol Service will start at 4.30pm, (not at 5pm as the Plan says.)