

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.



EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

17 December 2017

THIRD IN ADVENT

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

4.30 pm Carol Service

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
- those without food and shelter this Christmas
- the family and friends of Phyl Keeble who died this week.



Circuit Prayer from Welford. We hold in our prayers the smaller congregations in our Circuit as they face a challenging future. The new pattern of pastoral care and the likelihood of a new structure will need an exercise in confidence building. There is still so much to be done to bring in the Kingdom of God. We continue to be the (wandering, travelling) people of God wherever we are and however we meet. Thanks be to God.

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.

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 18.12.17

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	12 noon 7.30 pm	Midweek Communion Advent Course @ Stratford (see below)
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Christmas Service Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 4.00 pm 11.30 pm	Rev Ian Howarth Christingle. James Knott Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam. Holy Communion

FLOWERS today are given by John and Brenda Powney.

YOUR KINGDOM COME. An Advent Course using the film "Babette's Feast" is being held in Stratford Methodist Church on December 20. Course Session will be held at 7.30. The course will be led by Rev Ian Mead.

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.

OASIS will be closed from Saturday 23 December to Monday 1 January inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

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 tonight 17 December. Please note that the Carol Service will start at 4.30 pm, (not at 5 pm as the Plan says.)

WELFORD CHRISTMAS SERVICE. Alan Cumming from Welford sent the following message. "We are looking forward to seeing you at Welford on 29 December. Just a reminder that this is a Christmas Celebration in carols and readings at 12 noon 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 people are coming. In the meantime have a happy and peaceful Christmas." Alan can be contacted by email on alanjan50@gmail.com or by phone on 01789298061.

T 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.

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.*

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 is 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*

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WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. As was last year, there will be an opportunity for children to take their best present to the Christmas Tree and for adults to show their best Christmas card and speak to it. *Israel*

M MISSION IN BRITAIN. If you have any envelopes which you were unable to deliver last Sunday because of the weather, could you please put them in the collection plate today or give them to Elizabeth Pritchard. There are some spare envelopes on the table at the back of the church.