

MISSION IN BRITAIN The Advent collection for Mission in Britain amounted to £173.50 which was amazing because on one of the Sundays there were only 20 people in the morning service and the evening service was cancelled! Many thanks to everyone who contributed.
Elizabeth Pritchard

SOULFOOD is a regular Sunday evening service with a difference at 6.00 pm at All Saints. A meal is served and there are contemplative prayer stations around the church exploring a central theme. Now in its fourth year, it is asking for new members to join the teams which take it in turns to organise the service. If you think you might like to help please contact Sarah Hewitt on 07456 549969 or email on sarahjaynehewitt@gmail.com. Please note the commitment is only about every fourth week and is not meant to compete unduly with our evening service. If you have never been to Soulfood try it out for a start.

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHRISTIANS IN SECULAR MINISTRY are holding a reflective weekend at Holland house, Croptorne from 23 – 25 February. Please see the Notice in the Welcome Area for further details.

“THE WORD IS VERY NEAR YOU” (DEUT. 30.14) But are you listening? Today, millions upon millions of words are pouring out every day. Like Noah’s Flood they cover the whole earth. Too often they drown out the Word of God. Our need for God’s living, creating Word has never been greater. You are invited to make a space in your life to listen deeply to the Word of salvation which is “spirit and life.” Book now to reserve a place for the QUIET DAY organised by The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer at The House of Bread, The Mill, Shipston on Stour, CV36 5AF on MONDAY 12th MARCH 2018 9.30 to 3.15. Further details are on the Notice Board in Welcome Area.

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

14th January 2018
10.30 am Rev Ian Mead
6.30 pm 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
- those suffering from winter “bugs”
- those who are cold and hungry, sad and lonely for a variety of reasons.

Circuit Prayer from Rev Audrey Simpson: Gracious God, as the new year unfolds and we reaffirm the Covenant you have made with us in Christ, so fill us with your Spirit that each day our thoughts, words and actions will be shaped by the faith you have granted us. We ask this prayer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We remember Revd Israel and Leela as they travel to South India and all who have been affected by the adverse weather conditions in the USA, and the

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 15.1.18

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	10.30 am	Knitting (and nattering!) in the Welcome Area (See below from Jean P)
	12 noon 1pm	Midweek Communion Wednesday Lunch
Thursday	12 noon	Christian Unity - St Andrew's, Hampton
Friday	10.30 am 1pm	Shoppers' Service – Mr James Knott Christian Unity – Salvation Army with light lunch
Saturday	7.30 pm	Christian Unity - Elim
Sunday	10.30 am 6pm	Own Arrangement AAW Christian Unity at All Saints (Soul Food)
	6.30 pm	Rev Ian Mead – Holy Communion

FLOWERS today are from the Flower Fund.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH meets next on Wed 17th January. Names please to Brenda Powney 760323 **TODAY**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY See Notice Board and above for details of services at various churches, excluding EMC. (There are not enough days in the week!) Further services are in the week beginning 21st Jan.

FLOWER ROTA for 2018 is available on the board. Please check your slot and tick if OK. I have tried to incorporate the requested changes. *Sheila Himsworth*

THANK YOU After all the giving and receiving of presents this Christmas, a thank you from Christian Aid for the gifts we sent to our less fortunate friends in the developing world. Have a look at the board in the Welcome Area to see what we sent. In addition, over the Christmas period the Government increased their donations, so that for every £1 gift aided, they contributed a further £1. Watch this space for further ways to support Christian Aid during 2018. Thanks, *Viv Jones*

THANK YOU £214:43 was raised for Action for Children from the Christingle Service and Christmas morning offerings. Thank you all for giving so generously over the Christmas period. *Joyce D*

THANK YOU Cris and family would like to thank church friends for cards, emails, phone calls, visits and prayers received during Phyl's journey with Dementia. Heartfelt thanks to all who attended the funeral service and to the ladies who prepared and served the buffet after the service. *Cris, Nesta, Helen, Lee, Ben and Millie*

SYRIAN REFUGEES PETITION Thanks to those who supported the Petition to Wychavon Council to receive a small number of Syrian refugees. We presented over 500 signatures on Dec. 13th with over 100 more online. If anyone wrote or emailed their District Councillor about this and did (or didn't) get a reply, could you let me know. *David Haslam*

THANK YOU to all who have been knitting squares and supplying blankets for distribution to refugees via People in Motion in Worcester. I have sewn together well over 100 squares which have been sent to Worcester in readiness. Obviously the need continues so please carry on knitting. I am hoping to sit at Oasis on Wednesday mornings knitting and sewing up. If anyone would like to join me for a 'knit & natter' session, it would be good to share time together. Thank you for your support. *Jean Pritchard*

REIMAGINE CHURCH A conference on 21st Century ministry. Gather with diverse Christians to learn together with thought leaders and practitioners, including Trey Hall, from the cutting edge of church change and renewal in the UK. It will be held at Carrs Lane Conference Centre, Birmingham B4 7SX from 9.30am – 4pm on Saturday 10th March. If you would like to attend, please contact the Birmingham District office at office@birminghammethodist.org.uk or 0121 449 0131. Then let Margaret Fuller know you are attending so that transport can be shared. See poster in Welcome Area.

FILM NIGHT There will be another fun filled afternoon and a film with refreshments on Friday 26 January from 4.15 - 6.15pm where there will be a chance to meet in a relaxed environment, have some food and then watch together the Disney film "Moana". We ask for £1 donation per head to cover any costs. Please spread the word and tell your friends. I look forward in seeing you there! *James Knott*

CIRCUIT LENT RETREAT 10 am-3 pm Saturday, 24 February at Willersey Methodist Church on **Walking with Christ in the Desert**. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. To book contact the Rev Ian Mead email ian.mead@methodist.org.uk or 01386 438713.