

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, Cropthorne from 23 – 25 February. Please see the Notice in the Welcome Area for further details.

ITEMS for the **MARCH CHURCH MAGAZINE** to John Teare please by 14 February.

EVESHAM STREET PASTORS are starting another series of training sessions and would like to encourage others to think about this important mission work in the town. If you would like to learn more about the work of a Street Pastor or a Prayer Partner please contact John Darby on 07747 842 192 or by email at [johndarby@icloud.com](mailto: johndarby@icloud.com)

LENT STUDY GROUP. As there are no All Saints Lent Lectures this year, Andrew Spurr and myself are offering a Lent Study group, using the latest book by Richard Harries, 'The Beauty and the Horror'. It is an exploration of how to hold to a Christian faith in the face of both the wickedness and the wonder of human existence. The sessions will be on a Monday evening, 7.30 till 9, starting on February 19, venue to be confirmed. The book is about £15 from Wordery although it may be out in paperback in time. Names to davidhaslam558@btinternet.com or tel. 442042 by January 31 so we know the group size.

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

21 January 2018

10.30 am Own Arrangement

6.30 pm Rev Ian Mead, Holy Communion

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 in hospital and needing care.

Circuit Prayer from Stratford. Loving God, we thank you that today we share our Covenant Service with our friends from Holy Trinity. May we always look to celebrate your love and grace with all believers.

We pray for those who suffer persecution for their faith wherever they may be.

We give thanks that we travel through the year secure in your love for us and for all those we hold dear, and for all those whose need is great.

We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus whose compassion surrounds all.
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 22.1.18

Monday	1.00 pm	Christian Unity. Salvation Army, followed by a light lunch
Tuesday	9.45 am 12 noon 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Christian Unity. Baptist, followed by a light lunch Bible Study
Wednesday	10.30 am 12 noon 7.30 pm	Knitting (and nattering) in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion Christian Unity. Vale of Evesham Christian Centre
Thursday	7.00 pm	Scottish Evening Avonbank Centre
Friday	10.30 am 4.15 – 6.15	Shoppers' Service, Mrs Pam Randle Film Night
Sunday	9.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Steve Barritt James Steele Mrs Anne Yelland

FLOWERS today are from Liz Rodway in memory of Graham.

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!)

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. 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 December 13 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*

BLANKET UPDATE. Thank you for all the squares knitted for the refugee blankets thus far. Well over 100 squares were delivered to People in Motion in Worcester last Saturday along with some blankets. They were gratefully received and will be pleased

to receive as many more as we can muster! A couple of us met in Oasis this Wednesday to knit, natter and sew up. We hope to continue this each Wednesday and would be very happy to have others join us. Already we are well on the way with our next blankets. Thank you for your support in this project. *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 9.30 am – 4 pm on Saturday 10 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 - 6.15 pm 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 to 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 Rev Ian Mead ian.mead@methodist.org.uk or 01386 438713.

OASIS HELP! We urgently need someone to help serve tea and coffee at Oasis on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. If you feel you would be able to do this, could you please get in touch with Mary Leedham (446101), Jackie Young (40453) or Anne Ellis (421549)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT meets again on Thursday 8 February at 12.30 pm at Henley Baptist Church with the thought being given by Rev Ian Mead. Cost £6 for Fish and Chip lunch and tea or coffee. All profits to the Great Ormond Street Neurological Unit. Names please to Sheila Weary by Sunday 4 February.

CHRISTIAN AID. Beginning on the 1st February, we are starting a sponsored slim. We can't start before then as we're eating up the Christmas chocolates! All the money we raise will be split between Christian Aid and the British Heart Foundation. We hope you will support us and the charities. There's something in it for you too - you'll see less of us! Thanks, Viv and Eric.