

[sarahjaynehewitt@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## MORE ADVANCE NOTICES

**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) (see poster)

**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](mailto:davidhaslam558@btinternet.com) or tel. 442042 by January 31 so we know the group size.

**BERLIN EXCHANGE VISIT 2018 WEEKEND JUNE 10** IN JUNE 2018 WE PROPOSE TO TAKE A PARTY OF UPTO 12 PEOPLE TO BERLIN TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE VISITS THAT HAVE PROVIDED MANY WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH AND EXPLORE WHERE WE CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER. NEXT YEAR WE PROPOSE TO CONCENTRATE ON 'CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS' OR AS IN GERMAN TERMS 'CHURCH RENEWAL AND DISCIPLESHIP' THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>. FLIGHTS DEPENDANT WE ARE LOOKING TO FLY OUT THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AND RETURN TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>. ANYONE INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT IAN ATHEY via EMAIL OR PHONE A MEETING TO FINALISE DETAILS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE END OF FEBRUARY 07854001768 – [ianathey@btinternet.com](mailto:ianathey@btinternet.com)

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:  
[smandsw@gmx.com](mailto:smandsw@gmx.com)   [bur@waitrose.com](mailto:bur@waitrose.com)   [sheilahimsworth33@gmail.com](mailto:sheilahimsworth33@gmail.com)

## EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

28 January 2018

9.30 am Mr Stephen Barritt

10.30 am Mr James Steele

6.30 pm Mrs Anne Yelland

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"
- Wychavon District Council meeting and Refugees.

### Circuit Prayer from Henley

Lord, as we open our souls to you in prayer, our thoughts are guided this week to the plight of those who are homeless. Our faith is inspired by Jesus, who was himself well acquainted with this condition, born away from home, in an outhouse because there was no room at the inn, forced by politics away into exile, and later, as a wandering preacher travelling about throughout his three years of ministry. Help us, O Lord to be supportive and sympathetic towards all people who are without a home, save us from the judgemental and cynical thoughts which can so easily harden our hearts. And so we ask that through the teaching and example of Jesus we may be able to practice that unlimited love which always seeks to assist our neighbour in their time of need.  
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 29.1.18

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.45 am 12 noon</b>	Sunbeams Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10. 30 am 12 noon</b>	Knitting (and nattering) in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Workshop
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10. 30 am</b>	Shoppers' Service, Rev Stanley Weary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1.00 pm</b>	Evesham Street Pastors AGM at St Mary's Catholic Church (see also Notice on back page)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10 30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Rev David Haslam, Holy Communion Café Church, Rev Brenda Morton

**FLOWERS** today are given by Paul & Pauline Gearey.

**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*

**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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:ian.mead@methodist.org.uk) or 01386 438713.

**OASIS HELP!** We urgently need someone to help serve tea and coffee at Oasis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Methodist 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.

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN HOME COLLECTION BOXES** are due to be emptied over the next few weeks. Please put your box in the vestry for me to collect. Central office also send best wishes and sincere thanks for your generous giving

**EVESHAM PRAYER COMPASS** celebration at Evesham Baptist Church, 23 Feb at 7.30 pm . Speaker Suzanne Ferrett on **Praying for the Nation**. All are welcome.

**ARCHWAYS PREGNANCY CENTRE** Does anyone have a spare cooker or washing m/c to help a pregnant 18 yr old who has been housed by Rooftop?

**REPAIR CAFÉ** : next meeting is Saturday 10 Feb 10 am – 2pm

**SOULFOOD** is an ecumenical 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.>(contd next page)