

CHRISTIAN AID There are some Count Your Blessings leaflets on the table at the back of the church. If you would like one please collect it. This is an amusing and relatively painless way of donating to Christian Aid, but even if you do not donate there is a useful bit of information about the needs and work of CA on each day starting on Ash Wednesday (14 Feb)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Further details on all these events are available on the Notice board in the Welcome Area.)

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.

CHRISTIANS IN SECULAR MINISTRY are holding a reflective weekend at Holland House, Crophorne from 23 – 25 February.

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

REIMAGINE CHURCH. A conference on 21st Century Ministry. 9.30 am – 4 pm on Saturday 10 March.

BOOK LAUNCH Rev Israel will be launching his new book “Kristu Bhakti and Krishna Bhakti” at Stratford on Wed 21st March from 7.30pm – 9pm.

BERLIN EXCHANGE VISIT 2018 WEEKEND JUNE 10 In June 2018 we propose to take a party of up to 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 10th. We are looking to fly out Thurs 7th and return Tues 12th. Anyone interested, 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

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

4th February 2018

10.30 am Rev David Haslam – Holy Communion

Theme - Voices from the Margins (Church Action on Poverty Sunday)

6.30 pm Café Church led by Rev Brenda Morton

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 who are poor in whatever way and the agencies who try to help them
- the stewards as they draw together the results of all the Workshops held this week.

Circuit Prayer from Mickleton: Jesus, light of the world, at this time of the church's year, we remember when you were taken to the temple as a tiny baby, only to be recognised as the one to come, by the Quiet Ones, Simeon and Anna.

We treasure Simeon's prophetic words that you would become a light to the Gentiles and bring glory to Israel. We trust that you will welcome us as we not only draw near to your light, but share it in our dark world by our words and actions. 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 5.2.18

Tuesday	9.45 am 2.30pm 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Women's Fellowship – Rev Audrey Simpson Bible Study
Wednesday	10. 30 am 12 noon 7.30 pm	Knitting (and nattering) in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion Wesley Guild (see below)
Thursday	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Food for Thought at Henley Methodist Church Thursday Group – New Zealand by Margaret Fuller and Sheila Himsworth
Friday	10. 30 am 11.30 am 1 pm 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service - Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Planning meeting for Messy Church on 19.2 Planning meeting For Holiday Club on 20/21.2 Choir practice
Saturday	10 – 2pm	Repair Cafe
Sunday	10 30 am 6.30 pm	Racial Justice OA Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

FLOWERS today are given by Jane Shilton in memory of the Guard family

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 TODAY.

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

MESSY CHURCH – Mon 19th Feb

HOLIDAY CLUB – Tues 20th and Wed 21st Feb

PLANNING for these events will take place on Friday 9th Feb at 11.30 for Messy Church and at 1pm for Holiday Club. Please let James Knott know if you are able to help with these events and also attend the planning.

SOUTH INDIA STUDY TOUR Due to the weather conditions and other reasons, not many could attend the meeting in Dec. Another meeting will be held at 7. 30 pm on Wednesday 21 February.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH meets next on Wed 21st Feb. Names please to Sheila Weary 47267 by Sunday 18th Feb

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 blanket. Thank you for your support in this project. *Jean Pritchard*

OASIS HELP! We urgently need someone to help serve tea and coffee at Oasis on the 2nd 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)

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! *Viv and Eric Jones*

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. *Joyce Davey*

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) or go to Guild this week!

WESLEY GUILD The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Wednesday February 7 at 7.30 in the Welcome Area. The speaker will be John Darby who will speak about the work of the Street Pastors in Evesham. All are welcome. *E and T Pritchard*

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 asap.