

**THE SATURDAY/SUNDAY COFFEE ROTAS** are due to be compiled soon. If you would like to help make drinks on these days, please contact Sheila Weary 47267 before the end of 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 February 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, Cropthorne 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](mailto:ian.mead@methodist.org.uk) or 01386 438713.

**REIMAGINE CHURCH.** A Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Wednesday 21 March from 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets next on Tuesday 27 February at 7.30 pm in the Welcome Area. *Sheila Weary*

**ECO NEWS.** Latest issue now available on the Mission table, lots of interesting information!

**THE CHOIR** would be delighted to welcome anyone who is able to help out on **Easter Day 10.30 service with an anthem? We will be rehearsing on Fridays during March**

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

## **EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES** **18 February 2018 Lent 1**

**10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Sevanayagam**  
**6.30 pm Rev Audrey Simpson, 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 in hospital or residential homes
- the continuing focus on the future of our church.

**Circuit Prayer from Willersey.** Gracious God, at the start of Lent we come to worship in a spirit of thoughtfulness and penitence. We tune our minds to the poverty of Jesus` journey into the desert and the riches of his emerging ministry. Help us we pray, to put aside the values of the world around us so that we can embrace the eternal truth evident in the teaching of Jesus. Give us strength to be the people of God we pray. May we use this time of Lent to reassess our place in the church, our place in the world and our place within your kingdom.

Thanks be to God. 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 19.2.18

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.45 am 7.30 pm</b>	Sunbeams Bible Study
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30 am 12 noon 1.00 pm 7.30 pm</b>	Knitting (and nattering) in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion Wednesday Lunch India Study Tour meeting (see below)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Thursday Group, Easter Decorations, Anne Nicholas
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.30 am 7.30 pm</b>	Shoppers' Service – Mr Andy Green Choir practice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am 6.30 pm</b>	Mr James Knott, AAW Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

**FLOWERS** today are from the fund.

**MESSY CHURCH** – Monday 19 February.

**HOLIDAY CLUB** – Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 February.

**SOUTH INDIA STUDY TOUR.** Due to the weather conditions and other reasons, not many could attend the meeting in December. Another meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 February.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH** meets next on Wednesday 21 February. Names please to Sheila Weary 47267 by Today 18 February.

**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 very grateful 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 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)

**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).

**LENT STUDY GROUP.** This will not now take place as there was insufficient interest.

**SPONSORED SLIM.** The weight loss has started, the chocolates and biscuits are vetoed and Eric and Viv are on their way to raising loadsa money for the British Heart Foundation and Christian Aid. Please sponsor us and support these charities as we slowly disappear! *Eric and Viv Jones*

**SUNDAY CLUB** are holding a cake sale after AAW on 25 February. This is the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight, so we will be using as many fairtrade ingredients as we can in our cakes. The youngsters have decided to support MIND on this occasion. *Tracy Lamb*

**THE STEWARDS** would like to thank the 50 or so people who gave their time to attend one of the Development Workshops. Your input is invaluable in helping to shape our church over the next few years. The stewards are collating all the comments and suggestions and although it's a huge task, we hope to have an initial report in time for the next Church Council.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be celebrated this year at 2.30 pm on Friday 2 March at St Egwins, Norton and Lenchwick. The service has been written by the women of Suriname who are very concerned about God's creation and the damage being caused by rubbish. The service is VERY topical and thought provoking. Please try to support those who have organised it at Norton. It was written by women but is FOR all, MEN as well! Refreshments afterwards.

**DAFFODIL DAY** is an event celebrated in London by the Methodist Church for many years but this year the Birmingham District is holding a service at Stratford Methodist Church on Saturday 3 March at 2 pm to which all are invited. A Welsh minister is giving the address and there will be a Welsh soloist and possibly choir. Sheila Weary can offer transport to anyone who would like to attend.