

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

PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER, EXHIBITION, SPEAKER AND QUIZ ALL SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is from Sunday 13 May to Saturday 19 May. During the week, from Wednesday 16 May until Sunday 20 May, our church will be hosting a Christian Aid Exhibition called 'Uprooted' which highlights the plight of the 40 million internationally displaced people throughout the world. The exhibition will be open from 10.30 to 4pm, Wednesday to Saturday and from midday to 2pm on the Sunday. Please sign the notice in the Welcome Area or see Viv if you are able to steward the exhibition at any time.

On Saturday 19 May starting at 7pm, there will be a ploughman's supper plus a speaker from Christian Aid and a general knowledge quiz. Entry cost £10 with all proceeds going to Christian Aid.

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with feet washing
Good Friday	10 – 10.45 am	Service with short reflections on the Seven Words of the Cross. Volunteers to offer these reflections are needed, assistance from Rev Israel will be given.
Holy Saturday	7pm	Meditative service with chants and moments of silence
Easter Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam
	6.30pm	Café Church led by Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam with Hot Cross Buns!

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

18th March 2018

Lent 5 Passion Sunday

10.30 am Rev Brian Mason

6.30 pm Service of Reflection and Hymn singing led by Rev Dr. Israel Selvanayagam (see inside)

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
- refugees throughout the world with no place to call their home
- those who are persecuted for their faith
- those who are grieving

Lord Jesus Christ open our minds to your vision of the will of God being done on earth as in heaven;
Open our minds to the beauty of your truth that we might become wise;
Open our hearts to your love that like you we may live for others;
Open our lips to speak for you. 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 19.3 .18

Monday	2.30 pm	Iris Bostwick's funeral
Tuesday	9.45 am 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Bible Study
Wednesday	10.30 am 12 noon 1 pm 7.30 pm	Knit and Natter in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion Wednesday Lunch Book Seminar @ Stratford (see below)
Thursday	2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Pastoral Ctte (See below) Thursday Group – Spring Supper
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service –Mrs Pam Randle Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr. Israel Selvanayagam CTog Evening Service at St Peter's (NO EVENING SERVICE @ EMC)

FLOWERS today are given by Joan Bearman.

TONIGHT – EVENING SERVICE Unfortunately Crosslight has had to be cancelled as Riding Lights could not guarantee its arrival in time. Instead Rev Israel is leading a Service of Reflection and Hymn singing.

IRIS BOSTWICK's funeral will be on Monday March 19 at 2.30 in Evesham Methodist Church. We remember her family in our prayers.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH meets next on Wed 21st March. Names please to Anne Ellis 421549 by TODAY.

A BOOK SEMINAR, organised by the Discipleship & Ministries Cluster of the Methodist Connexion, will be held at Stratford Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 21 March. Dr. Israel Selvanayagam's book (*Kristu Bhakti & Krishna Bhakti*) will be introduced. The book is about the uniqueness of devotion to Christ based on St. John's Gospel in comparison with devotion to the most popular Hindu god Krishna based on a Sanskrit text about his sportive love with a group of milkmaids. What is a genuine devotion, may become clear.
Inderjit Bhogal, Regional Director, DMC

PASTORAL COMMITTEE meets next on Thursday 22nd March at 2.30pm in the Welcome Area. All Pastoral Visitors are encouraged to attend.

SOUPER SOUP Due to ill health, it is regretted that the Souper Soup, due to be held on 23rd March, is cancelled.

EVENING SERVICE PALM SUNDAY As the Churches Together evening service at St Peter's Church is on Palm Sunday, 24 March at 6.30 pm, the evening Communion Service at EMC planned for the same time is being cancelled.
Israel

EMC WEBSITE A reminder that all updates and requests for change to the church website should be sent to Ros Kane (ros.kane99@gmail.com) who is happy to discuss suggestions or proposals for its future direction.

GIFT ENVELOPE SCHEME. Will Members please note that their new supply of envelopes will be presented in alphabetical order for collection in the Welcome Area from today, 18th March.
Ric Burden

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES will be in Church on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This is our main fund raising event for World Mission and your generosity is appreciated. The Circuit Easter offering service will be held on 29th April at Evesham 5.30 pm. All welcome.
Carol Watton

EUCHARIST AT YATES COURT As agreed, there will be a short service of Eucharist at Yates Court (on High Street) on every first Friday of the month at 11.30 am. The first service will be on 6th April. Those interested are most welcome to join.
Rev Israel

KEYS Does anyone know where the keys to cupboard 3 are?
Sue Gooderham

CHURCH MAGAZINES for March are now available from the tables at the back of the Church and from the rack in the Welcome Area. As usual we do not charge for these but welcome donations towards cost of printing and paper, suggested amount 50p per copy, which can be placed in the red metal box on the table at the back of the church.

SPONSORED SLIM The sponsored part of Eric and Viv's slim comes to an end at the end of this month. Hopefully you've noticed their diminishing figures. Sadly their desire to become sylphlike means they will be continuing the daily diet of gruel and water for some time to come!! Please dig out your sponsor money as they'll be chasing you up before long! Thanks.
Eric and Viv

A NEW ALTERNATIVE MAGAZINE (Edition 22) is now available from John Teare at a cost of £2.00 per copy. 50% of the proceeds will go towards the EMC Development Fund with the remaining 50% being divided between the Carpenter's Kids Program and the Buigiri School for the Blind in Tanzania. Please obtain your copy and support these worthwhile causes.