

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 4 pm, Wednesday to Saturday and from midday to 2 pm 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 7 pm, 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	7 pm	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!

TO BECOME MEMBERS. There will be an opportunity for those who want to formally become members of the church in the Easter Service just after the confirmation. Please contact me for any advice and clarification. *Rev Israel*

MHA Heart and Soul magazine now in the Welcome Area. Please take one. 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

25 March 2018

Lent 6 Palm Sunday

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam
6.00 Churches Together Service at St Peter's Bengeworth
(Please note change of time)

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 grieving
- those worried about the future.

Gracious Lord, we reflect in awe at the humility of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem on a lowly beast of burden, proclaiming a message of peace and love. May we journey with him during Holy Week encouraging and supporting those who travel with us.

Comfort and protect all whose faith brings them into conflict and danger at this time. We pray for justice and peace for those cruelly treated or neglected. Help us to play our part in building your Kingdom on earth. We ask this in his dear name. Amen

The Welcome Area of our church is usually open for tea and coffee Monday – Thursday 10.30 – 12.30 Friday 11 – 12.30 Saturday 11.30 – 12 noon

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Week beginning 26.3.18

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	10.30 am 12 noon	Knit and Natter in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion
Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with feet washing
Good Friday	10 – 10.45	Service with reflections
Holy Saturday	7.00 pm	Meditative Service
Easter Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam. Holy Communion Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam. Cafe Church

FLOWERS today are given by David Haslam in memory of Harold and Dorothy.

EVENING SERVICE PALM SUNDAY. As the Churches Together evening service at St Peter's Church is on Palm Sunday, 25 March at 6.00 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 29 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 6 April. Those interested are most welcome to join. *Rev Israel*

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*

SUNBEAMS TODDLER GROUP has been running for 20 years. We are planning a celebration on Saturday 7 April from 2 till 4 inviting anyone who has been connected to Toddlers over the years to pop in for tea and cake. If anyone can help by baking a cake we will be very grateful. Please feel free to come in and see us. *Sue Gooderham*

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING meets on Sunday 15 April after Morning Service. As well as the usual matters on the agenda of this meeting, there will also be important considerations regarding Circuit Boundaries and the Development Plan for the future of EMC. Please try to attend.

CHURCH STEWARDS are required from the beginning of June. Ros Kane, Margaret Voyiagis, Steve and Linda Barritt are willing to continue but they need more help to maintain the level of services currently on offer. Please consider this vital role within the Church and speak to any of the existing stewards for more information. A nomination list is on the board in the Welcome Area.

WORKAID. You are welcome to come and have coffee at Welford on Avon Methodist Church on Saturday morning 19 May. You will be even more welcome if you bring along some tools for the collection we are making in support of WorkAid. They are able to restore tools which can then be sent out to African countries and distributed particularly to young people who are learning a trade. All sorts of tools are welcome and there is always a need for sewing machines. The WorkAid website gives details of special requests from time to time but the full range of spanners, screwdrivers and hand tools are always welcome. The church will be open from 10 am until mid-day and coffee will be served. Do come along. *Alan Cumming*

SUMMERTIME! British Summertime begins today. Hopefully you remembered to put your clocks on one hour last night!

LENTEN CROSS. On Easter Sunday we will be decorating the Lenten Cross with flowers, to turn it from a focus of sadness to a focus of joy. If you have any small spring flowers in your garden, please bring them along and help bring the cross to life.

SUNDAY CLUB are holding their annual Sausages and Skittles evening on Friday 20 April, 6.30pm, at Bengeworth Social Club. If you would like to join us for this evening of fun and food, please speak to Tracey. Cost £4.50 per person.