

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 Work Aid. 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

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.

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.

PANCAKE MORNING 14 April 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Evesham Baptist Church. Traidcraft goods, cakes, Quizzes, Games, Tea & Coffee. (see poster)

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
1 APRIL 2018
EASTER SUNDAY

10.30 am Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, Holy Communion
6.30 pm Café Church, Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam

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 Confirmed today
- Persecuted Christians unable to celebrate Easter
- Our church people in Henley

Glory to you, O God: you raised Jesus from the grave, bringing us victory over death and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into truth and breathe new life into us.

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 2.4.18

Tuesday	9.45 am 7.30 pm	Sunbeams Bible Study 'Moral Conscience' Judges 19-21
Wednesday	10.30 am 12 noon 7.30 pm	Knit and Natter in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion Wesley Guild (see below)
Thursday	7.30 pm	Worship Consultation
Friday	10.30 am 7.00pm	Shoppers' Service, Rev Audrey Simpson No Choir Practice Elim Church, Training for HOTS (see below)
Saturday	2 p- 4 pm	Sunbeams Toddler Group (see below)
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Audrey Simpson Mr Mark Pickering

FLOWERS today are given by Mary Leedham in memory of John

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.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are in Church today. 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*

EUCARIST 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*

SPONSORED SLIM. The sponsored part of Eric and Viv's slim has come to an end with a combined weight loss of 1st 13lbs (12.5kg for those paying per kilo!) - Viv's winning! They will be continuing with their attempts to become sylphlike but will not be after your money! In the meantime, please let Viv or Eric have your sponsor money and feel free to donate something if you haven't already promised to do so. Remember, all the money is going to the British Heart Foundation and Christian Aid. Many thanks to everyone for your great support, *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*

WESLEY GUILD The speaker at the next meeting of the Guild will be Maria Huff, an Ecumenical Accompanier with the World Council of Churches programme in Palestine, and her title will be "Eyewitness Account – real stories from the West Bank and Israel. The meeting will be in the Welcome Area at 7.30 on Wednesday April 4. All are welcome. *E & T Pritchard*

ACTION FOR CHILDREN Thank you to all the box holders who gave generously and saved coins over the past twelve months. On your behalf I banked £393.39p this week *Joyce Davey*

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.

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS REPORT - following the recent series of Development Workshops a report is now available summarising the various responses under the 'Our Calling' headings. The results of the Workshops will underpin proposals for '*The Way Forward*' - our plan for future development.

CELL CHURCH - the first outcome from the Development Workshops is a proposal to transition to Cell Church which will be discussed at the forthcoming General Church Meeting on April 15th. To help in our considerations, part of a paper produced by the Methodist Church Communication Office titled 'Resurrecting the Classes - an Introduction to Cell Church for Methodists' is available. The full document can be found at www.methodist.org.uk under Small Groups. Both documents mentioned above should be found on the tables at the back of the Church but in case of difficulty please see one of the Stewards.

Steve Barritt

HEALING ON THE STREETS (HOTS)(see poster) Please note this is not about praying for miracles of physical healing, just offering prayers for any passers-by who might have something for which they would like prayer or just a blessing.

REMINDER If you have a Notice to be displayed please put it in the tray next to the Notice Board and it will be put up. Thank you. *Jackie Young*