

**WORKAID COLLECTION** of all sorts of tools / sewing machines will be held at Welford Methodist Church on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May from 10am - noon. Workaid restore the tools and send them to African countries for use by those learning a trade. Coffee will be served.  
*Alan Cumming*

**MISSING KEYS** If any one has seen or knows the whereabouts of the key to cupboard 6 we would be grateful for it to be returned to the key hooks. This was on the key hook after worship on 11<sup>th</sup> March, but was missing by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March when one of our leaders tried to get materials out for S. Club preparation. It is easily identifiable as it attached to a 20cm piece of wood, so it could not be accidentally slipped into a pocket or hand bag.  
*Tracey*

**ALSO** The keys to the sound system have gone missing. Can everyone have a look in their pockets please!  
*Phil Morton*

**WORK-IN** There will be a work in at church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 9:00am until 12 midday for the purposes of tackling some routine maintenance jobs both inside and outside the building. Please make a note in your diaries/cell phone calendar to come along on the morning - you don't have to be there all morning but if you can that would be ideal.

Refreshments will be provided as well!!!! Look out on the notice board in the welcome area for a list of tasks to be undertaken. Thanks in anticipation of your support,

**EVESHAM VALE WELCOMES REFUGEES** The next meeting is a Training Session on how to welcome Syrian (and other) refugees should any come to Evesham. It is Wed. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 to 9 pm, led by leaders from the Bromsgrove & Redditch group, in the Welcome Area. There is now no meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENARY CELEBRATION** Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30 pm till 12, Evesham Rowing Club, food will be served, drinks on sale. Adults £10, young people £8, children £6. Organised by the Labour Party, open to all. Email [midworcsclp@gmail.com](mailto:midworcsclp@gmail.com) to reserve your ticket.

**BELLS** If you appreciated the bell-playing on Palm Sunday and today, 8<sup>th</sup> April, why not come and join us? It is getting increasingly difficult with only a small group. We need you! You don't need to be able to read music, only numbers! We meet on Friday evenings 6.30 finishing in time for choir practice. Probably for the foreseeable future about fortnightly. If interested see Brenda Morton

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 15th APRIL 2018

10.30 am Mr Stafford Mortimer

6.30 pm Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam, 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
- diplomats and world leaders in the current state of affairs

### Circuit Prayer from Bidford

Dear Lord, as we reflect on the pain and the joy of Eastertide, let us remember that you are always with us, through both our sad and happy times. As we journey on together through the rest of the year we are confident that you are there for all people, not just guiding but walking alongside us, our risen, living Saviour. 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

Many thanks to all who sponsored us for our sponsored slim. £202 was raised, to be divided between British Heart Foundation and Christian Aid.  
*Eric and Viv*

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Week beginning 16.4.18

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.45 am</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>	Sunbeams Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>12 noon</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Knit and Natter in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion Refugees (EVWR) Training & Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Shoppers' Service, Mr Eric Jones
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>6.30 pm</b>	Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam Rev Audrey Simpson

**FLOWERS** today are given by Theresa Mc Pherson in memory of Craig

**EASTER OFFERING** "Many thanks to everyone for your donations to the Easter Offering. The total raised was £377.70. Your generosity is as always much appreciated and helps to support mission partners working overseas, nationals in mission appointments and overseas students in ministry training. It also allows the Church to make grants to Partner Churches for special projects. The Circuit Easter Offering Service arranged by Methodist Women in Britain will be held on April 29th at 5.30 p.m. at Evesham church. As well as dedicating the offerings made, this is an opportunity to hear about the projects helped by the money raised, reflect on the theme "Seek peace and pursue it" and share fellowship with friends from the Circuit churches. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please try to support this service. . *Carol Watton/Sheila.Weary*

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH** meets next on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April. Names please to Brenda Powney 760323 by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Information has filtered through that these lunches are very Much appreciated and enjoyed so a warm thank you to all those who give their time Culinary skill and energy to preparing them

**SUNDAY CLUB** If you would like to join Sunday Club for their annual Sausage and Skittles evening at Bengeworth Social Club on Friday 20th April, at 6.30pm please let Tracey know today, as numbers have to be handed in tomorrow morning. Thank you.

**CHURCH MAGAZINE** Items for the JUNE Church Magazine to John Teare please by 14th May.

**SUNBEAMS** We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon celebrating 20 years of Sunbeams last Sat. The sun shone, the terrace was heaving with children and adults chatting, laughing and catching up with old friends. Loads of cake and biscuits were consumed, coffee, tea, lemonade and juice flowed and a great time was had by all.

Photos on the wall and on the laptop were browsed and exclaimed over especially by some of our original members. Our thanks to Diane, Barbara and Theresa for all their help and cakes donated and to Tina for all she did publicising the event and to Wendy Rees for an amazing themed birthday cake, see it on Facebook! Several thought it a good idea to repeat the exercise every week, we declined!

### GENERAL CHURCH MEETING – AFTER THIS 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.

**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 . 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](http://www.methodist.org.uk) under Small Groups. *Steve Barritt*

**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](mailto:ros.kane99@gmail.com)) who is happy to discuss suggestions or proposals for its future direction.

**THANK YOU** Lilian, Margaret and family thank everyone for their prayers, cards and messages on the death of Eric Fuller. It has been a difficult time for all of us and your kind thoughts have been a great support. Thank you.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK EXHIBITION**, 16-20 May. Please sign the list in the Welcome area if you are able to help with this. The exhibition is coming to us from Coventry Cathedral so, follow that! **Collectors needed** for Christian Aid Week, 13-19 May. Please put your name on the list against the road in which you wish to collect.

**Get your tickets** for the Ploughman's Supper plus Speaker and Quiz, Saturday, 19 May, £10, from Viv Jones, 48788.