

READERS WANTED FOR BROADWAY & WILLERSEY Finding preachers to fill planned services for all churches can be difficult from the existing resources of the circuit. Audrey is looking to form a list of Readers to lead services in the smaller churches, for us that would be Broadway and Willersey. The service will be provided – hence the title Reader. Anyone interested in helping, please email Audrey directly or speak to me. Thanks.
Ros Kane

THANK YOU On behalf of the Property Committee I would to thank the dozen or so volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning last weekend to undertake some relatively routine maintenance jobs at the church premises. Without your contribution there is a risk that the property would deteriorate, so it should be appreciated by the rest of the members as well. Thank also to those who sent apologies and those who supported with refreshments.
Richard Ellis

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

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER Waiting in Wonder - Thy Kingdom Come is a global initiative in which Christians are called to pray on the 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost. We are invited to pray for God's Spirit to move within the church, equipping us to share God's love with others and to pay attention to how God is speaking to us today. Your representatives brought back booklets of prayers from Synod, you may find some on the table at the back of the Church, or you can look at the Methodist Church website for details.
Margaret Fuller

LOST PROPERTY A number of "lost" items have been stored here for a long time. At the recent work-in we put them on a table in the Welcome Area with some "lost" umbrellas to be recovered by their owners. They will be moved to good homes at the beginning of May.
Alan Bees

THE EVENING SERVICE is to be suspended for at least the next quarter from June to the end of August.

THE FIRST WELFORD LECTURE will be on Sunday 13th May led by Trey Hall, from 4pm – 5.30pm with a cuppa half way through! All welcome.

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

29th April 2018

10.30 am Mrs Anne Yelland

5.30 pm Circuit Easter Offering Service at Evesham

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 mission partners and projects helped by the money raised through Easter Offering

Circuit Prayer from Evesham: Loving God, this Easter Offering Sunday, we give thanks for the readiness of Christian women worldwide to respond to the dire need of so many in our world at this time who lack the basic essentials of daily life. May our gifts today help to eradicate hunger and poverty, as through the World Mission Fund we support our Partner-Churches overseas in promoting peace, justice and reconciliation for all. Merciful God, for all your precious gifts, hear our prayer of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord and 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, and Saturday 10.30-12 noon.

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Week beginning 30.4.18

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	10.30 am	Knit and Natter in the Welcome Area
	12 noon	Midweek Communion
	7.30 pm	Wesley Guild (see below)
Friday	10.30 am	Shoppers' Service - Mrs Anne Yelland
Sunday	9.30 am	Steve Barritt
	10.30 am	Rev Dr. Israel Selvanayagam – Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Café Church led by Rev Dr. Israel Selvanayagam

FLOWERS today are given by Linda and Philip Richardson.

TONIGHT- CIRCUIT EASTER OFFERING SERVICE 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 at **5.30pm**.

WESLEY GUILD The AGM of the Wesley Guild will be held on Wednesday May 2nd in the Welcome Area at 7.30 pm. This will be the last meeting of the current session and will be followed by a Faith Supper.
E&T Pritchard

HOLLAND HOUSE RETREAT CENTRE will be open to the public on Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday 6th/7th May for the Crophorne Walkabout. Extra help is urgently needed with serving cream teas, or sitting in the shop, carpark, or prayer tent. If you can spare an hour to an hour and a half, you can get free entry to the Walkabout.

(Normally £6 - Always lots of lovely gardens to view, as well as Holland House's own lovely garden) Walkabout runs from 11 am - 5pm both days, teas served from 2-5. Please contact Brenda Morton if you think you can help. 01386 760009

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INVITATIONS to WILLERSEY on Sat 12th May from 10.30 – 12noon at Par House, Collin Close for a **Coffee Morning** and Bring and Buy Stall. £3 for coffee and cake. All profits to Christian Aid. Also **Garage Sale** on Sat 26th May in Willersey with refreshments at both churches. From 11 – 4pm

CROSSLIGHT The showing of this film depicting the disciple Peter's reaction to the events of the first Holy Week, which had to be cancelled mainly due to the snow, will now be part of the Evening Service on 13 May at 6.30 pm. Please do come even if you do not usually attend the evening service and bring your friends or anyone you think will be interested. It will be a rare opportunity to see this Riding Lights Passion Play.

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

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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT fish and chip lunch meets again on Thursday 17th May at Stratford when the speaker after the meal will be the District MWiB President who will speak about the Great Ormond Street Neurological Unit which is her project for which we are raising money. Names please to Sheila Weary. Cost £6.

CELL CHURCH Following the General Church Meeting, where there was great support for exploring the transition to Cell Church, we are now proposing to set up the first trial Cell to experience and refine the Cell process. The plan is that at the end of the trial period of 2 – 3 months, members of this trial Cell will start to move on to take their experience to other newly formed cells. If you would like to join a group taking the first tentative steps towards Cell life, or if you were not at the General Church Meeting but want to know more about Cell Church, please talk to one of the Stewards.

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK 2017/18 If you would like to be added to the list to have a copy of next year's edition ordered at a small cost of £3.95 please speak to Diane Capel.

CHURCH HANDBOOK Following our recent Annual Church Meeting the Church Handbook will be revised for 2018/2019. Will those of you responsible for any of our organisations please check the information in the present Handbook and let me have an updated version if any of it requires revision. Will everyone mentioned in the Directory please check the information relating to themselves and let me know if any of the information (name, address, telephone number or e-mail address) requires to be amended. Details to me please by May 14th.
John Teare

MINUTES of the General Church Meeting have been circulated by email and a copy is in the folder in the Welcome Area.

SOUTH INDIA TRIP As was agreed in the last meeting, the deadline to confirm joining is Monday 30th April 8 pm. The next day it will be communicated to those willing to join whether we have sufficient number to go ahead with preparation or cancel the trip.

Rev Israel