

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 like 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. Thanks also to those who sent apologies and those who supported with refreshments.
Richard Ellis

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

WEDNESDAY LUNCH. The next lunch will be on the 16 May at 1 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Anne Ellis on 421549.

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 13 May led by Trey Hall, from 4 pm – 5.30 pm with a cuppa half way through! All welcome. The second will be on Sunday 20 May when the speaker will be Prof. Frances Young and the third on Sunday 27 when the speaker will be Dr Ann Conway – Jones. The theme for all the lectures is "All Change".

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

6 May 2018

9.30 Steve Barritt

10.30 Rev Dr Israel Selvanayagam. Holy Communion

6.30 Cafe Church led by 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:

- our ministers at this time of change,
- those who are finding life difficult,
- those who are enjoying life that all will know the love of God surrounding them.

Circuit Prayer from Broadway: Compassionate God, you know our uncertainties and anxieties in the ongoing journey of our life. Help us to be mindful of the ancient story of guiding your people by pillar of cloud in the hot day and pillar of fire in the dark night. May we be willing to be guided by your Spirit and to make wise decisions for our future. Whatever we decide and do, let your holy name be glorified and your unfailing love realised. 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 7.5.18

Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	10.30 am 12 noon	Knit and Natter in the Welcome Area Midweek Communion
Thursday	7.30 pm	Thursday Group. Sugar Craft
Friday	10.30 am	Shoppers' Service – Rev Clive Parr
Saturday	10 – 2.30	Repair Cafe
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Christian Aid. Rev Dr. Israel Selvanayagam – Mukarji Mrs Anne Yelland

FLOWERS today are given by Iris Brunsdon in memory of Graham.

HOLLAND HOUSE RETREAT CENTRE will be open to the public on Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday 6/7 May for the Cropthorne Walkabout. Extra help is urgently needed with serving cream teas, or sitting in the shop, car park, 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). There are always lots of lovely gardens to view, as well as Holland House's own lovely garden. Walkabout runs from 11am – 5pm both days, teas served from 2-5. Please contact Brenda Morton if you think you can help. 01386 760009 brendamorton92@yahoo.co.uk

INVITATIONS to WILLERSEY on Saturday 12 May from 10.30 – 12 noon 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 Saturday 26 May in Willersey with refreshments at both churches from 11 – 4 pm.

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 14 May.

CHRISTIAN AID. Thanks to everyone who has kindly volunteered to help with the Christian Aid Week street collection. Please collect your bag of envelopes from the Welcome Area. However, a volunteer is still needed for the even numbered houses in Lingfield Road. Please help if you can. Also more helpers are needed to man the Exhibition taking place from the 16-20 May. Please, please, sign the list in the Welcome Area if you are able to help, even for just an hour. Then don't forget to get your tickets

for the Ploughman's Supper, speaker and quiz. All for just £10. Tickets from Viv Jones, 48788. Thanks for your support.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT fish and chip lunch meets again on Thursday 17 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 14. *John Teare*

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

WORKAID COLLECTION of all sorts of tools / sewing machines will be held at Welford Methodist Church on Saturday May 19 from 10.am –12 noon. Workaid restore the tools and send them to African countries for use by those learning a trade. Coffee will be served. *Alan Cumming*

SHOPPERS SERVICE AND FAREWELL. My time with you all at EMC will come to an end on May 31, after just over 3 years. My last official "duty" will be to take the Shoppers Service on June 1 at 10.30 am. I hope that there will be some of my friends able to share in this service and also in tea, coffee and cake afterwards, for me to say a big "thank you" to everyone for their support and love shown in my tenure with you and also "farewell". .I look forward to the last few weeks I have left amongst you, and for what lies ahead beyond Shoppers on June 1st. Every blessing, *James Knott*