



Newsletter  
Sunday 8th May 2016

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

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Welcome to Wellington Methodist Church !

Dear Friends

We live in a consumer driven world.

As I write this letter, Leicester City has just won the Premier League. The sound of celebration can almost be heard from here! This is definitely good news for a team who can only be described as the 'underdogs'. Football is no doubt a consumer sport. Sometimes, fans choose to support a team when they are doing well, but then walk away when they are on a losing streak, only returning when they see the team making progress once again.

There is a well known song written by Paul Anka way back in 1968 that was made famous by Frank Sinatra: "I'll Do It My Way", which later became his signature song. It's a popular song at funerals. I want it my way; I'll do it my way. That's consumerism: I want it my way.

Sometimes, Christians can be in danger of adopting a consumer attitude. Their mantra is, "give me more, just give me more". This suggests a false understanding of God, that God is a taker. But nothing could be further from the truth. God is a giver. He's *the* Giver. And, as a man or woman created in his image, we should be givers.

I believe that we should be radical, subversive, not just following the consumer driven ways of the world. God calls us to follow a different way, to be different and to show others that we are different because of our knowledge and love of God.

What are you giving back to the world, what are you giving back to others and what are you giving back to God?

Every Blessing

## Services for Sunday 8th May

9am Holy Communion - Rev Fran Lane  
10.15 am Café Worship - Rev Fran Lane  
( please note there will be a fire Drill this morning)  
3pm Circuit Service for Thanksgiving of Edgmond Methodist Church

## Mid-week Worship (Thursday)

9.30 am Holy Communion

## Services for next Sunday

10.15 am Morning Worship - Rev P Rees  
6 pm Churches Together - Pentecost Service Rev Fran Lane

## Marsh Green Services

8th May 3pm Circuit Service for Thanksgiving of Edgmond Methodist Church  
15th May 6.30 pm Local Arrangement



We think of and pray for those who are unwell at home & in hospital Please remember in your prayers Matthew Cooper - **we've had some** good news the treatment is working and cancers have been reduced Jean Sherrard now home. Please pray for Margaret at Lawley Bank Court o the loss of her husband Wilf and for Shirley who has been ministering to them. Ann Shaw who had a bump in the car and has whiplash Kaye Noble now home

## NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### New Minister for Wellington

Please pray for Molly Chitokwindo and her husband Allen and their two daughters. The eldest Kunashe – 12 years and youngest Sheanopa – 10 years. We are so pleased they have agreed to come and join us for five years in the Circuit.

### Saturday 14th May

There is no one down on the list to do coffee morning next Saturday. Is there any one who is able to do the coffee morning next Saturday?

### First Aid Training

We are looking into First Aid Training for church members and those who work with Young People and looking to see who might be interested please see Annette if you wish to take up this option

## Safeguarding Training

There is a Foundation Safeguarding Training Session Module Course on Saturday 4th June from 10 am - 12.30 pm at Hadley Methodist Church . This is for anyone who needs to attend a five year refresher or who are new in post and never attended. Please call Margaret Reynolds 01952 505233 to book a place.

## Churches Together in North West Telford

Pentecost Service on Sunday 15th May 2016 at 6pm at Wellington Methodist Church. The service will be led by Rev Fran. Everyone Welcome please come along and support this service with friends from other churches in the town. Fellowship & refreshments to follow.

## The Use of PowerPoint in Worship

The Circuit is holding a sharing evening on Monday 9th May at Horsehay Methodist Church at 7.30 pm .This is an opportunity for the Circuit to come together to share skills and to learn from one another and to improve the quality of PowerPoint presentations in worship all around the Circuit and to help others. Please bring your lap top if possible, but this is not necessary at all. We will also have projectors for trying out and seeing different ideas.

## Car Parking

A reminder that people should not park in front of the gate as this is a Fire Escape. Please do not part in the two disabled spaces unless you are a blue badge holder.

## Gift Day

The Church Gift Day will be Sunday 5th June and Gifts can be brought to worship on that day or on the Saturday to the Minister during the church coffee morning. Please pray about this we are always grateful for your support always.

## Musical change of dates -

The dates for the performances from Pharaoh to Freedom are Friday 17th June here at **Wellington at 7.30 pm or if you can't make it then the Saturday performance will be at 4pm** at Dawley ( please note this change of venue from Bridgnorth)

## Queens Birthday Celebrations - HM Queen

We will be having a special celebration time on Saturday 11th June to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday further details soon.

Coffee Mornings - If you are running a coffee morning please clear up afterwards as best you can.

## Girls Brigade—Annual Presentations

**The Wellington Girls' Brigade will be holding their annual Awards Presentation Evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.15 in church.** We would welcome anybody to join in our celebrations and to see what we have been doing over the past year. Refreshments will be served. Entry free of £1 which goes towards Company funds. We look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

# WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 9th May

6 pm Brownies

7pm Banners

7 pm Sugarcraft Guild

7.30 pm Severn Harmony

Thursday 12th May

9.30 am Holy Communion

10-12noon Coffee Morning

12.15-1.00 pm Food for Thought

6pm Boys Brigade

Tuesday 10th May

10.30 am Art

1.30 pm Art

2pm Macular Support Group

6pm Girls Brigade

Friday 13th May

10.30 am Mothers Prayers

10 am Craft and Chat

Saturday 14th May

10.00 am Coffee Morning -

Wednesday 11th May

9.30 am - Noon Here to listen

5pm Rainbows

6pm Guides

7.30 pm Ladies Group

## Deacon Julie's Testimony Service

Following confirmation that Julie is now able to go forward for Ordination on July 3rd, you are invited to attend her Testimony Service which will be held on Friday 10th June, 7pm at Upper Gornall Methodist Church, Spills Meadow, Dudley DY3 1YB.

This will be an opportunity to hear Julie and Jemima's (fellow Presbyteral Probationer) story of how God has led them both to this point in time.

Julie would really appreciate your support and prayers for the above occasion, you may like to consider attending the Testimony Service if you can't get to the Ordinations in London

## Sponsored Slim - Shirley Baker

Rev Shirley Baker has achieved half her target of weight loss. She has raised a lot of funds for our new church. Can we help her in raising funds for a new Methodist Church being built in Rushden. I have a sponsor form and will be pleased to receive your cash.

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