

## Sunday 12th March 2017

### Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

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**Welcome to Wellington Methodist Church! At the top of New Street, the church seeks to serve town and people and offers good news for all. If you are here for the first time or just visiting the area you are welcome. Please feel at home and if you would like to know more about the work of the Church please ask, or fill in one of the contact leaflet sheets to join the mailing/email list. Do stay and join us for tea and coffee after the service.**

Dear Friends

In the West our desires and longings have traditionally been driven by a need to be successful, to be seen to be living a life that, materially at least, means that we have everything we require. The economy runs on our need to not only have a good life, but a 'goods' life.

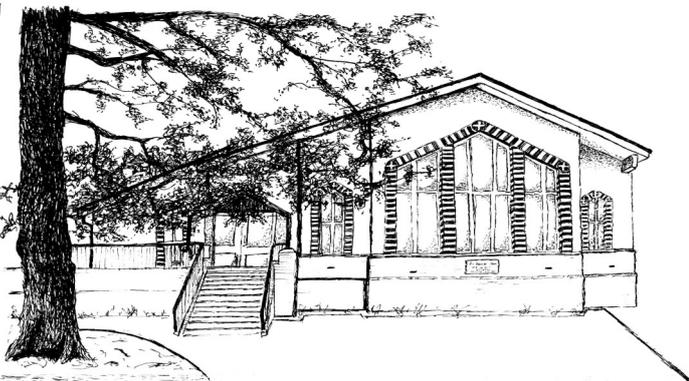
I was thinking about this as I read in the newspaper about Vince, the white rhino. Keepers found the rhino in his enclosure at Thoiry Zoo in France on Tuesday morning. One of his horns had been hacked off with a chainsaw. The African rhino's horn commands high prices on the black market, Vince was then shot three times in the head. They took the horn - a kilo of which could fetch as much as \$60,000 (£49,300). A wild animal, being cared for and protected, was destroyed all for the sake of a few pounds. Greed and a desire to have more was greater than any feelings of compassion or concern for this poor creature.

We might not go around chopping off animal horns but I wonder if we sometimes put our own needs and desires before those of others? Do we want the best job at church? Would we prefer to do no job at church rather than volunteer to help out just a little bit and make a difference? Is time on our own more important to us than spending time that is dedicated to others? There does need to be space in our lives for both.

During this season of Lent Jesus withdrew to the desert to be alone with his Father and to prepare for what lay ahead. This is a time when we too are encouraged to spend time reflecting upon our relationship with God and others and thinking particularly on the nature of sacrifice. The greatest sacrifice was on the cross but what are the sacrifices and changes that God is calling us to make in our lives today so that we can continue to build the kingdom of God in this church and community?

Every Blessing

Julie



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### Services for Sunday 12th March

9.00 am Holy Communion - Rev M Chitokwindo

10.15 am Café Worship - Deacon Julie Morton

### Mid-week Worship (Thursday)

9.30 am Morning Prayers - Deacon Julie Morton

### Services for Sunday 19th March

10.15 am Morning Worship - Mr John Parkin

### Marsh Green Services

12th March 6.30 pm Evening Service - Mrs J Newby

19th March Service at Tibberton



### Our prayers

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are poorly, those who grieve or are lonely. Please pray for Denice Morgan and her family Denice's Mother passed away on Wednesday. Please pray for Kate ( Annette's Mum ) who is in hospital also please pray for Jeannette Shouli, Jennifers friend, following knee surgery on Tuesday.

## NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### Easter Sunday

During our Easter Service we are having two people to be baptised and on 30th April 5 of our members are going to be confirmed, come and let us celebrate the growth of our church.

### Holy Week Prayers

Holy week prayers in church Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April 7:30 pm. looking forward to praying with you all. Rev Molly

### Holy Week Thursday 13th April

If you would be willing to have your feet washed during the service on Maundy Thursday please let Rev Molly know. Also please let Rev Molly know if you would be willing to give a testimony.

### Baking for Alpha Course

The Telford Alpha course begins shortly, covering all churches and denominations and they are asking for your help. Could you bake a cake for one of the following sessions?

Wednesday 31st May

Wednesday 7th June

Wednesday 14th June

Wednesday 21st June

Wednesday 28th June

Wednesday 5th July

If you can help please let Deacon Julie know the date you would prefer as soon as possible via the Church office.

## **Church Lunch for Fundraising for Christian Aid**

There is a Lent lunch on Sunday 19th March after worship in aid of Christian Aid as part of our Lenten journey. The cost is £3 please see the notice board for details. We hope as many of you as possible will support , either by attending or providing foods that are on the list on the notice board. ***Please support if you can to boost our fundraising for this worthy cause***

## **IONA WORSHIP**

Please note there will be an Iona service on Sunday 26th March at 5pm. All Welcome

## **Ladies Group**

Dr Gavin Wood will be the speaker at the meeting on *15th March* 'How the NHS really works' (Men Welcome)

Bible Study on *22nd March* with Hot Chocolate and Toppings ( Ladies only)

## **Christians Against Poverty**

There is a charity concert in aid of Christians Against Poverty at All Saints Church , Wellington at 7.30 pm on Saturday 18th March with Hadley and District Orpheus Male Voice Choir and others. Tickets £7 Concessions £5 refreshments will, be served at the interval. Proceeds to Christians against Poverty Telford.

## **Summer dates for your diary**

Sunday June 18th - Open House and Tea Party at Margaret Whiteheads. 2 - 6 pm

Saturday July 29th - Garden Party at Carrie Ann and Gavin Woods 2 - 6 pm

Saturday August 5th - Afternoon Tea at Roger and Bernice Jones 2 - 4 pm

If you are thinking of hosting a summer event please see Tina. Thank you for your support

## **Pop Up Café**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the next Pop up Cafe in Lawley on Friday 21st April, 1pm - 2.30pm.

We particularly need people who can help with set up and pack up and with crafts and games but if you would like to just come and chat to folk who turn up then that would be great.

If you're interested or would like to know more please speak to Jennie Dibb or Deacon Julie.

## **Potential Secondary School Outreach Project for Telford & Wrekin**

Through the work of One Bright Week and the on-going activities of several local churches we are aware of an opportunity to engage more fully with the Secondary Schools in Telford & Wrekin. Could we, through **Telford Christians Together**, establish a **Schools Project**, with dedicated workers, to build on these openings? Does this possibility excite you? Would you be interested in exploring this further? We have arranged an evening to explore the opportunities with John Prockter from Bridgnorth Youth & Schools Project **on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at Telford Elim Church. If you know of anyone else who might be interested please invite them along.

**Café Worship** - Please speak to Rev Molly if you wish to be part of a team that plans Café Worship

# WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

## Monday 13th March

9.30 am Slimming World  
6 pm Brownies  
7pm Banners  
7.30 pm Severn Harmony

## Tuesday 14th March

10.30 am Art  
1.30 pm Art  
2 pm Macular Support Group  
6 pm Girls Brigade

## Wednesday 15th March

9.30 am - Noon Here to listen  
10 am Sugarcraft  
2pm Osteoporosis Support Group  
5.15pm Rainbows  
6 pm Guides  
7.15 pm Ladies Group

## Thursday 16th March

9.30 am Morning Prayers  
10am Coffee Morning - Circuit MWiB  
10 am Stitch in Time  
12.15 pm Food for Thought  
6pm Boys Brigade  
7.30 pm Youth meeting

## Friday 17th March

10 am Mothers Prayers  
11am - Noon Art for Tots

## Saturday 18th March

10.00 am Coffee Morning - Property

**Coming in March** - Praying for Change a day of conversation and workshops at Bayston Hill Methodist Church with Methodist President Roger Walton in conversation with Neil Richardson ( Past President) “ What can change” and Rachel Lampard MBE Methodist Vice President in conversation with Keith Hebden Director of the Urban Theology Unit “ How to be an enchanted activist” plus other workshops. Saturday 25th March 11am to 3.30 pm . This event is free please bring your own packed lunch , drinks are provided.

## Methodist Women in Britain

Circuit Coffee morning on Thursday 16th March from 10 am until noon here in church. There will also be Bring and Buy and cake stall.

**Easter Eggs** - Fair Trade Easter Eggs are available from Diane £3.99 each

## Photographs

If you do not wish that your photograph be taken in church please let Annette know or sign the list. Thank you.

## Methodist Homes Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who helped or contributed in any way to the above £142.82 was raised of which £25 was given to the church. Very much appreciated.

General Church meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> of April bring and share Lunch after service