

Sunday 19th March 2017

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

New Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1LU

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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 Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a period of prayer, fasting and acts of charity to prepare us to celebrate more fully the great Easter mysteries of our Christian faith. I invite you to join with me as we journey with God, so that we may grow as Christians and humbly bear witness to God's power in our lives.

Let us **EVANGELISE** people. Some of you might be saying "That's not my charisma, not my personality. I need more education, first. My brothers & sisters one can evangelize by **example**. All Christians are called to evangelize in both **deed** and **word**. Not everyone is a Preacher, and not everyone can manage to get a degree in theology. But the story of the Samaritan woman (John 4) teaches us the kind of evangelism that all of us can manage.

Jesus models it for us. He comes to a town and sits down by a well. A woman comes to draw water. Israelites usually don't talk to Samaritans, much less drink out of their ritually impure vessels. Men usually don't make conversation with women. But Jesus recognizes her existence and affirms her by being willing to accept a drink from her. Once she gets over her shock, a dialogue starts. It starts out about water, wells, Jews and Samaritans, but Jesus asks her questions that throw her off a bit and make her think. He finally asks a question that leads her to admit her need. She's hungry for love, and has run through quite a few partners looking for the real thing. Jesus' soul-piercing glance tells her that his is the love she has been looking for. She abandons her water jar and returns to town to tell everyone about Jesus.

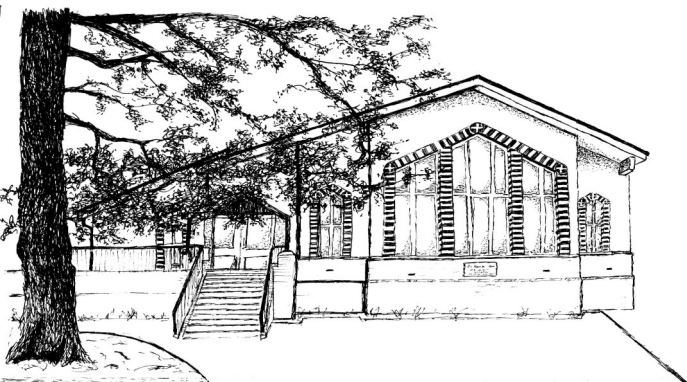
Did she wait till she had a master's degree in theology? Did she sit down with people and demonstrate from Scripture why he was the Messiah? No. She simply **told people**, with joy, confidence, and conviction, what Jesus had done for her. And she **invited people** to come and experience him for themselves.

And that's how a large portion of that town came to believe. There were no crusades in stadiums, no TV preachers. An invitation was "Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done! Could he possibly be the Messiah?".

During this Lenten period let us get over our fear of sharing the good news, let us be aware of the spiritual needs of those around us, share Jesus' love, and invite them to Church. More people are searching than we think.

*Don't ask me when Jesus is coming back, I am not
in the planning committee
But I am in the welcoming
Committee and I will wait!!*

Peace & Joy Rev Molly



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Services for Sunday 19th March

10.15 am Morning Worship - Mr John Parkin

Mid-week Worship (Thursday)

9.30 am Holy Communion - Rev Morton

Services for Sunday 26th March

10.15 am Holy Communion - Rev P Rees

Marsh Green Services

19th March Service at Tibberton

26th March 11am Family Service - Miss M. Mantripp



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 recently. Please pray for Sue (Craft and Chat) coping with many health problems. Kate in PRH Matthew Cooper back in hospital on Saturday morning.

NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Prayer Meeting

There will be a prayer meeting led by Rev Molly Chitokwindo in the Sanctuary at 7.30pm on 23rd March. All are Welcome.

Spring Forward

Please remember that BST starts on Sunday 26th March. Put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday 25th March so that you will not be late for our Mothering Sunday Service at 10.15 am on Sunday 26th March

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.

IONA WORSHIP

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

Ladies Group

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

Another Summer date

Paula Holden will be hosting a Garden Party on Saturday May 6th from 2 - 6 pm . Entrance is £3.00 proceeds to be divided between Church and Breast Cancer Now. Its not too late to be part of our Summer Events programme. Have and think and let Tina know.

Can you help?

Helpers are needed between 12.45 pm and 2.45pm for the Pop up Cafe on at Lawley on Friday 21st April. If you are able to help with setting up, craft and games activities, chatting & serving refreshments and clearing up, please put your name with your contact number on the sheet on the Cluster Notice Board in the corridor.

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 6th** 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

Horsehay notices

There are copies of the March Horsehay notices on the table in the main Hall.

Safeguarding Training

There is a Safeguarding Session with Margaret Reynolds at Bridgnorth next Wednesday 22nd March with registration from 6.30 pm onwards and 7pm start

Planting Up

Would you like to come and do a bit of 'planting' up at church? Church Council agreed to the purchase of planters for the front of church and we will need help to set them all up. No date as yet, but please let Tina know if you would be interested. If anyone would like to make a monetary contribution towards the cost of compost and plants that would be most welcome and generous.

Easter Eggs - Fair Trade Easter Eggs are available from Diane £3.99 each Please place any orders as soon as possible

Graham and Christine Sturdy

There is further news from Graham and Christine copies of their news are on the church family notice board

WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 20th March

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

Tuesday 21st March

10.30 am Art
1.30 pm Art
6 pm Girls Brigade

Wednesday 22nd March

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

Thursday 23rd March

9.30 am Holy Communion
10am Coffee Morning
12.15 pm Food for Thought
6pm Boys Brigade

Friday 24th March

10 am Mothers Prayers
10 am Craft and Chat
11am - Noon Art for Tots

Saturday 25th March

10.00 am Coffee Morning -

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.

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.

Photographs

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

Glasses collection - if you have any old glasses there is a collection box by the Sanctuary door which is regularly emptied by Telford Lions . They are then refurbished and sent overseas .

General Church meeting on 30th of April bring and share Lunch after service