

Newsletter

Sunday 5th 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.

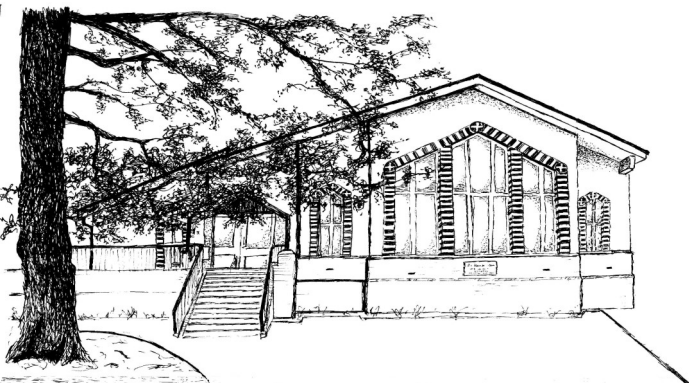
Dear Friends,

we are now in the season of Lent, traditionally the period for privation & soul - searching in the Christian calendar. Like Advent it is a time of preparation; the latter making ready for a long - foretold birth ; the former (Lent) looking towards what was an unexpected death and even more unexpected resurrection. Whereas during Advent we “watch and wait”, in Lent we repent and seek spiritual cleansing, to follow Christ as he travelled towards Jerusalem. There we pause in jubilation on Palm Sunday when we cry “ Hosanna to the Son of David!” before plunging into the darkest part of the journey to end up outside the city walls.

It is possible, but mistaken I believe, to jump straight from the excitement of Palm Sunday to the joy of greeting the risen Christ on Easter Day; to go from highlight to highlight ; without dwelling much on what happened in between. What of the sheer awfulness of those events, however? Don't the humiliation of a sham trial; an undeserved flogging; cruel torture; and finally an agonising death, shamed between two criminals, also need our attention? To bypass these events is to diminish the triumph of the resurrection on Easter Day. That is why we are being encouraged to meet together during Holy Week for prayer and worship (Mon—Fri) , to take us through the messy/unpleasant bits that we might otherwise neglect. Then Easter Day, when it arrives in all its glory, will be even more special and meaningful.

Diane

Badges Days During todays service and again on 12th March everyone will be requested to wear name badges.



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Services for Sunday 5th March

10.15 am Morning Worship - Rev M Chitokwindo

6.30 pm United Service at Marsh Green

Mid-week Worship (Thursday)

9.30 am Holy Communion - Rev J Farrimond

Services for Sunday 12th March

9.00 am Holy Communion - Rev M Chitokwindo

10.15 am Café Worship - Deacon Julie Morton

Marsh Green Services

5th March 6.30 pm Evening Service - Rev K Cook

12th March 6.30 pm Evening Service - Mrs J Newby



Our prayers

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are poorly, those who grieve or are lonely. Please pray for Rev Frans daughter thank you. Keep in your thoughts our outreach groups at Oakwood, Lawley Bank Court and Cottage Care

NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

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

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

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.

Fundraising for Christian Aid

This Lent, we are invited to journey with our neighbours from around the world . We are asked to “count your blessings” inspired by the hymn “When I needed a neighbour were you there?” To do this , you will need a leaflet. It starts on the 1st March and runs through Lent up to Easter and each day there is a daily reflection. We are challenged to make a small offering each day and to pray about it All the gifts collected are for Christian Aid and will form part of our fundraising for this year. There are leaflets for adults and children . Please see Shirley West to collect yours and support as generously as you can Thank you.

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. Thank you

Film Screening

There will be a screening of the film “The Way” starring Martin Sheen on Sunday 5th March at 2pm here at Wellington Methodist Church. There is no charge Popcorn will be provided.

The film will be used as the basis for a 5 week Lent Course, sessions for which will be on Mondays at 2 pm prompt at The Rock Methodist Church and on Tuesdays at 7.45 pm prompt at the home of John and Diane Parkin (20 Eider Drive, Apley) Mondays course begins on 6th March and Tuesdays on 7th March.

All are welcome to attend, even if you do not want to participate in the Lent Course. However, if you do want to come to the Lent Course you will need to see the film.

Deacon Julie and Diane

Methodist Women in Britain

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th March 2.30 - 3.45 pm in the Sanctuary and will be Devotional with Mrs Annette Thomas. Tea Coffee biscuits and Fellowship. Everyone Welcome.

Further news from Graham and Christine Sturdy

The presbytery changed the job that Graham was going to do which Graham felt unable to accept due to there being a lot of difficult legal and pastoral situations whilst he was not Australian nor a Uniting Church minister. Graham will continue to help the presbytery in other ways he has recently been involved in helping a church find a new minister which he has enjoyed

Ladies Group

Invite gentlemen to join us on *Wednesday 8th March* for a talk and slides on The Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust at 7.15 pm for a start at 7.30 pm. New Ladies are especially welcome.

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)

WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 6th March

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

Tuesday 7th March

10.30 am Art
1.30 pm Art
6 pm Girls Brigade

Wednesday 8th March

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

Thursday 9th March

9.30 am Holy Communion
10am Coffee Morning
12.15 pm Food for Thought
6pm Boys Brigade
7.30 pm Holiday Club meeting

Friday 10th March

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

Saturday 11th March

10.00 am Coffee Morning - Mission in Britain

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.

Door Steward 30th April

We need a volunteer to do door Steward and also someone to give out books on 30th April if anyone can cover this duty please can you let Catherine know.

Church Holiday

Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd Destination The Hallmark Hotel Irvine Scotland Details from Dewi

Holiday Club

There will be a meeting of the Holiday Club Team on Thursday 9th March at 7.30 pm

Garden Party

Carrie Anne & Gavin have very kindly agreed to host a Garden Party on July 29th from 2 - 6 pm More details will follow but please put the date in your diary now.

If anyone else is interested in holding a Summer Event - coffee morning /evening open garden etc please let Tina know. Ring Telford 247819

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